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## Iran rejects Iraqi call for treaty

NICOSIA, Aug 9, (Agencies): Iran today dismissed as propaganda an Iraqi call for a formal peace treaty.

"It's nothing but a campaign of disinformation," the daily Tehran Times quoted a source close to the new President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as saying. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said

yesterday the ceasefire which ended eight years of fighting between Iran and Iraq a year ago was not his ultimate aim.

"Only a comprehensive, complete and clear peace agreement, comprising all legitimate rights and duties (of both states) is what we strive to achieve," he said. UN-mediated peace talks which began

shortly after the ceasefire remain deadlocked with Iran demanding the immediate withdrawal of Iraqi troops from pockets of Iranian border territory and Iraq insisting on the early dredging of the disputed Shatt Al Arab border river.

"Even the first paragraph of Resolution 598 has not been implemented," he said.

referring to the Security Council resolution which is the basis of the ceasefire.

■ UN observers monitoring the ceasefire in the Gulf between Iran and Iraq have confirmed about 500 violations in the last nine months, according to an assessment here today.

## Cleric caught to cool a thaw

By Najeh Khalil

THE recent kidnapping of Hezbollah leader, Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid by Israeli commandos is a pre-designed move directed towards sabotaging attempts being undertaken by the PLO to free the US hostages in Lebanon.

The PLO has presented the US negotiators with a proposal that for freeing the hostages held by Hezbollah on the tacit understanding that the US administration would receive PLO leader, Yasser Arafat in the White House.

This information gathered from highly placed sources to several capitals of the world, including Washington disclosed that US negotiators at the US-PLO dialogue sessions held in Tunisia had agreed to the terms of the PLO proposal in its entirety.

Sources confirmed that in principle the PLO had achieved considerable progress in this respect — to the extent that they had obtained the provisional approval from Hezbollah leaders to free the hostages. However, sources went on to state: "The Israeli Mossad through their extensive and clandestine operations in Lebanon were able to discern PLO moves and intentions and this information was conveyed to the Israeli government with the recommendation that this vital information should be immediately acted upon by executing Israeli counter-measures."

Acquiescing to these recommendations from its operatives, the Israeli government under direct orders from Israeli premier and defence minister decided on a plan to kidnap Sheikh Obeid.

Sheikh Obeid's residence is in close proximity to the self-proclaimed Israeli buffer zone in south Lebanon. Coupled with the fact that he did not believe in a high-level of security for himself, made the task all the more easier for the Israeli's.

Sources added that Israeli concern mainly centred on the possibility that Washington might have recognised the Palestinian rights of self-determination and positively received Arafat at the White House if they demonstrated PLO efforts in getting the hostages released and improving PLO-US relations.

It is pertinent to recollect that a similar promise was made to Arafat by former US president Jimmy Carter if he could get the release of the US hostages then held in Iran. Subsequent findings divulged that the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini refused to co-operate.

Additionally, Israel by conducting this kidnapping also aimed at blocking all attempts to arrive at a peaceful solution to the Lebanese crisis. "A peaceful solution to the Lebanese crisis would undoubtedly focus attention on the Palestinian issue," sources said.

Meanwhile, a PLO executive committee member Mohammad Melhem did not rule out the possibility that the Israeli's were keenly interested in felling any attempts by any Arab side to free the US hostages in Lebanon.

## No trade off, no negotiating for hostages: Bush

## Suicide bomber dies in Obeid revenge hit

## Retaliation likely for 5 wounded

QLAIAA, Lebanon, Aug 9, (Agencies): Militant Muslims launched a suicide attack on an Israeli Army convoy in South Lebanon today, wounding five soldiers in a mission to avenge Israel's abduction of one of their leaders.

Israeli military sources said two commandos in a red pickup truck loaded with explosives blew themselves to bits in the attack on patrolling jeeps and armoured troop carriers. In Beirut, Sheikh Sobhi Tofeili of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah

movement threatened more attacks in retaliation for the July 28 kidnapping of Sheikh Abdel-Karim Obeid by Israeli commandos in South Lebanon.

"This operation was not the first and will not be the last," he told reporters.

He said it was carried out by a friend of Obeid, Sheikh Assad Bero, who was married with one child.

A local pro-Israeli militiaman was also wounded in the latest twist to a 12-day hostage crisis sparked by Obeid's abduction as a bargaining chip for the release of three Israeli servicemen held captive in Lebanon.



Sheikh Sobhi Tofeili



Assad Bero, who drove a booby-trapped car into an Israeli convoy.



Israeli soldiers look at the wreckage of a car today after a militant suicide car-bomb attack on an Israeli Army convoy in southern Lebanon. The car was carrying Israeli soldiers when a red pickup truck loaded with explosives blew the driver to bits and injured five Israeli soldiers. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'Sikh' bomb kills 17 riders

KARNAL, India, (Agencies): A bomb planted by suspected Sikh terrorists on a New Delhi-bound bus killed at least 17 passengers today, police said.

At least 35 people were injured, seven seriously. Inspector Rajinder Singh said at the blast site, three kilometres (two miles) from Karnal town in Haryana state.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility. United News of India news agency said the bomb was planted by Sikh extremists who operate mostly in neighbouring Punjab state.

Nine people were killed instantly and eight died in a Karnal hospital, police reported.

Singh said two women and two children were among the dead and that most of casualties occurred on

the left side of the bus where the bomb was placed.

A police spokesman in Chandigarh, capital of both Punjab and Haryana states, said the bomb, hidden in a plastic lunch box, exploded as the bus was passing the Karnal Lake tourist resort near Karnal.

Karnal is midway between New Delhi and Chandigarh.

The bus was badly damaged by the explosion, with pieces of the vehicle torn from the chassis and hurled through the air.

The incident came almost exactly a year after a similar bus bombing in Haryana. Last August 12, a device exploded aboard a Haryana roadways bus at Panchkula, near Karnal, killing at least six people and wounding several others.

Police in New Delhi have launched a major security operation in anticipation of possible Sikh extremists attacks in the capital with the approach of the Aug 15 (Independence Day), the Hindustan Times reported.

The Army was called out and a curfew imposed today in Jammu, a day after Sikh radicals shot and killed six people and wounded 12 others, a city official said.

Jammu Commissioner Vijay Bakaya said at least six people were killed when three Sikh gunmen on a motor scooter opened fire last night when people were leaving a movie theatre.

Bakaya said Army was called out from a nearby garrison as a precautionary measure.

"I hope I am open-minded enough to talk and to exercise every diplomatic channel I can to free these Americans," Bush said in a brief question-and-answer session in his office. "And no American is going to be content until these Americans are free."

Bush said the hostages' lives are "too precious for me to be sticking my head in the sand."

He said some parties who have been ambivalent or silent on the hostage issue were now willing to help because they were "infuriated or angered or repulsed" by a videotape purporting to show US hostage William Higgins hanging from a rope and a death threat against another American.

"There is a common thread: This is too much, enough is enough," Bush said.

He was asked about his policy on dealing with hostage takers in the wake of a comment in an

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High-ranking

Intissar Al Wazir (right) the newly elected member of the Fatah Central Committee talks with PLO leader Yasser Arafat in Tunis. (Reuters wirephoto)

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## NATO blasts Sofia

BRUSSELS, Aug. 9, (Reuters): The NATO allies today condemned Bulgaria's treatment of its ethnic Turkish minority as a flagrant violation of human rights and called on Sofia to arrange the orderly emigration of those wanting to go to Turkey.

In a statement issued on behalf of the 16 North Atlantic Treaty Organisation governments, including Turkey, NATO Secretary-General Manfred Womern said the mass emigration of ethnic Turks from Warsaw Pact-member Bulgaria stemmed from "the deliberate deprivation of their human rights."

"The harsh treatment of citizens of Turkish origin in Bulgaria is a flagrant violation of human rights. The allies continue to keep this matter under careful review," he said.

More than 250,000 ethnic Turks have fled to Turkey from Bulgaria since May.

The refugees say they are escaping a forced assimilation programme but Sofia says they are Bulgarian Muslims.

"The allies call for the strict observance of the fundamental rights of all Bulgarian citizens of Turkish origin, in line with the obligations of the Bulgarian government under relevant international agreements," Womern said.

He also urged "a mutually acceptable solution to facilitate the smooth and orderly emigration of ethnic Turks wishing to go to Turkey with their rights being fully protected."

More than 120 Bulgarian intellectuals have petitioned the government to end what they called a policy of cultural persecution, émigré sources said today.

Stefan Tabakov, leader of the Vienna-based Social Democratic Party of Bulgaria in exile, said intellectuals had sent the government two separate petitions in the past month.

■ Turkey accused neighbouring Bulgaria of intransigence today for refusing to negotiate an emigration pact for Muslim ethnic Turks.

## Social cohesion the goal

## Decree tabled

KUWAIT, Aug 9, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti cabinet held an extraordinary meeting today in which it approved a draft decree setting guidelines for the formation and operation of a new governorate system.

The session, chaired by Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad, elaborately discussed the draft decree which envisages a new governorate system that would strengthen social ties among Kuwaitis, a government spokesman said.

The spokesman, Planning Minister and Acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, said after the meeting the new system would also seek completion of needed utilities and get nationals more actively involved in various government development plans.

## Escapes across Danube

A Romanian woman who was nine months pregnant fled her native country by floating across the Danube in an inner tube and then hiked nine kilometres (six miles) before giving birth in a hospital, a Belgrade weekly reported.

Camelia Popescu Sorina, a 30-year-old teacher from Turnu Severin, a town near the border, made the escape alone, Ilustrovana Politika said in its edition published yesterday. Her husband escaped separately to Austria, the report said.

Mrs Sorina reportedly took a taxi to a town near the border, telling the driver she was visiting relatives. At about 2.00 am she inflated the inner tube, secured her documents and some food on her arm, and started across the river, the magazine said.

According to the report, she reached the Yugoslav side of the river after about an hour and waited until morning before continuing her journey.

After hiking nine kilometres, Mrs Sorina reached the town of Kladovo and boarded a bus for Belgrade.

The woman went into labour during the ride and gave birth to a girl in a hospital in the town of Negin south of Kladovo, Ilustrovana Politika said. (AP)

Make-believe drug ring: Police discovered a playground stand where children operated a make-believe drug ring offering bags of grass clippers and sugar.

"We just lost a war on drugs," said Capt. Bernie Reilly. "I don't care what (President George) Bush says, this is bad."

Police discovered the stand last week and said children had recorded pretend drug transactions on a ledger and on scraps of coloured notepaper.

One note read "cocaine, small half-baggie, 55 cents, small baggies, one dollar," the Patriot newspaper of Harrisburg reported today.

"What you have to understand is I have no doubt (they) are copying their parents. They want to make a lot of money and not work," said Detective Robert Bowman Jr. (AP)

Aspirin may help: Low daily doses of aspirin may prevent the development of life-threatening high blood pressure among pregnant women who are at risk of developing the disease, a group of Israeli and Italian researchers said on Wednesday.

Each group in separate studies found that low doses of aspirin prevented pregnancy-induced hypertension among women at high risk for the disease, led to longer term pregnancies and an increase in the weight of the newborn.

The studies appear in the latest issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. Both groups stressed that their results were preliminary and involved small numbers of women. (AP)

Newsman found dead: James Markham, a foreign correspondent of the New York Times, was found dead in his Paris apartment on Wednesday, an apparent suicide, the newspaper said.

Markham, 46, was recently named deputy foreign editor, a Post he was to have assumed on September 11. (Reuters)

Four-year 'hangover': A man who stole a truckload of bonded whiskey never got as much as hangover out of it.

Instead, John T. Montgomery, 31, who stole the whiskey from a wholesale liquor company parking lot, pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday and got four years in federal prison. (UPI)

## Former Marcos pm offers to testify against him

MANILA, Philippines, Aug 9, (AP): Ferdinand Marcos' former prime minister has agreed to testify against him in a US court where the ousted president and his wife face charges of embezzling millions from the Philippine treasury, officials said today.

Justice Secretary Sedfrey Ordóñez said the offer was made by Cesar Virata, who served as finance minister and prime minister in the Marcos administration.

Ordóñez said Virata made the offer to avoid possible arrest as a material witness. In March, former Education Minister Jaime Laya was arrested in Honolulu on a material witness warrant but was later released.

"He is simply saying that he is willing," Ordóñez said of Virata's offer. "He is offering himself in case, because you know what happened to Laya."

Virata, 58, served as prime minister from July 1981 until Marcos was ousted on Feb 25, 1986.

Before his appointment, he had served as finance minister since 1970. He was also undersecretary of industry and chairman of the development committee of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund from 1976 until 1980.

Virata is now in private business as a consultant. Ordóñez also said the US prosecutor who is handling the case against Marcos had returned to the Philippines to gather evidence and consult with Filipino authorities.



# \$1.94m compensation for car crash victim

LONDON, Aug 8. (AP) The high court awarded a former honours student a record £1.2 million (\$1.94 million) in compensation today for a car crash which left him brain damaged.

The award was made to Martin Harrop, now 22, whose injuries from the 1985 crash left him with behavioural problems and in need of constant care. It was awarded against the driver of the car, Manuel Fernandez of Woolacombe in North

Devon, who admitted liability. Harrop, of Reading, west of London, was a passenger in the back seat of the car when it went out of control.

"This is an entirely proper settlement of which I wholeheartedly approve," Judge Edwin Jowitt told the court, adding that "no one could have read the medical reports in this case without wanting to pay tribute also to Martin's parents."

Martin's father, Peter Harrop, quit his job as

managing director of a large British company to co-direct Martin's care.

The Harrops lawyer, David Body, said after the hearing, "we are delighted with the award... this is a case of the legal system working properly to compensate people when they most need the compensation."

Before the crash, Martin Harrop had been studying electronic engineering at Warwick University

after graduating with top marks from high school. He was also an accomplished athlete, painter and musician.

The compensation was agreed between the parties in the case, which means it cannot be appealed.

The highest previous award for personal injuries in a road accident in Britain was a £1.03 million (then \$1.64 million) made in 1987 to a man injured by medical negligence.

## Lankan violence flares, 23 killed

Premadasa admits failure

COLOMBO, Aug 9. (AP) Sinhalese militants killed six people and burned their house near Colombo, and 17 other people also were reported killed in extremist violence in Sri Lanka, military officials said today.

They said a wealthy Tamil businessman, K.G. Gunaratnam, was shot and killed in his car today by unidentified men in the capital, Colombo.

Gunaratnam owned textile factories, movie-theatres and a fleet of passenger buses. The military officials, who cannot be identified under briefing rules, provided no further information on Gunaratnam's murder.

The officials did not have details of yesterday's killings of the six relatives in Gampaha town, 25 kilometres (15 miles) northeast of Colombo, but blamed them on anti-government Sinhalese militants from the People's Liberation Front.

Five Front members, a policeman and two civilians were killed in five separate incidents in southern and central regions

during the last 24 hours, the official said without elaborating.

They also said police found eight unidentified bodies in three southern villages since yesterday. They did not give details.

Sinhalese militants have been blamed for at least 4,000 killings and a series of strikes since 1987 when they launched an anti-government campaign mostly in southern and central regions.

Opposition leader Sirima Bandaranaike called on parliament to probe a killing spree in Sri Lanka after security forces reported stepped up violence.

Official sources said 152 people were killed, 34 bodies were found and 1,280 suspected rebels were arrested for questioning since the beginning of August.

Bandaranaike, making a statement in parliament today about what she called "the present era of terror," spoke of people being locked up in rooms and burnt.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa admitted yesterday that his

efforts to end ethnic violence in Sri Lanka have been unsuccessful.

"An atmosphere of sorrow, fear and terror has overtaken the country. In schools and universities, villages and towns, violent attacks and brutal killings have increased... strikes and curfews have become the order of the day," Premadasa told a meeting of government lawmakers in Colombo.

Earlier yesterday, Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne told parliament that Sri Lanka asked India to withdraw its peacekeeping troops by September, but India proposed a February deadline.

Wijeratne was briefing parliament on the talks he had from July 29 to Aug 5 with Indian leaders in New Delhi on a time frame for the pullout of the entire 45,000-member force.

Since July 29, India has withdrawn 2,220 soldiers of the peacekeeping force, deployed under an Indian-Sri Lankan peace accord.

## Latest trends in drug transit

WASHINGTON, Aug 9. (AP) Anchovy cans. Hidden panels in gas tanks. Carrier pigeons. A bean sprout washer.

These are some of the newest ways drug dealers are transporting drugs, money or messages into and around the United States in a cat-and-mouse game with authorities, government prosecutors say.

In Boston last year, authorities found 190 pounds (86 kilograms) of Asian heroin concealed in a bean sprout washing machine shipped from Hong Kong.

Officials in Philadelphia reported the seizure of more than 2,400 pounds (1,088 kilograms) of cocaine hidden in a shipment of anchovies from Argentina. The cocaine was weighted and packed "so as to be virtually indistinguishable from the surrounding cans which actually contained anchovies," said a report by Philadelphia-based US Attorney Michael Baylson.

The barest components of many drug dealers' schemes were outlined in reports on drug trafficking presented by the nation's 93 US attorneys to the Justice Department last week.

The US attorneys often skipped the finer details so the strategies could not be copied. But several noted in the reports that drug dealers had gotten more sophisticated.

"Dealers are using increasingly clever ways to deliver drugs and collect money," Baylson said. "In addition to the use of cars, taxis, trucks and pedestrians, there are reports from constituents of Philadelphia city councilman Angel Ortiz that dealers are now using carrier pigeons."

Baylson's report did not say exactly how the birds were used, and he and Ortiz were said by assistants to be out of their offices Tuesday and unavailable for comment.

David E. Wilson, US attorney for western Washington state, told of cocaine or money carried from Los Angeles to Seattle during the last several years in a modified gas tank.

Fuel tanks are popular with drug dealers, as is strapping drugs to carriers' bodies.

The same Asian drug organization that used the fuel tanks also shipped heroin in ice buckets, wall plaques and in a shipment of T-shirts headed for New York, but seized in Thailand in December 1986, according to US Attorney Andrew Maloney of New York's eastern district.

In Hong Kong, authorities found spare fuel tanks loaded with 250 pound (113 kilograms) of heroin base on a trawler in 1984.

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Authorities acting on a tip from Dutch police have arrested and indicted six Dutch citizens on charges of smuggling 13 pounds (6 kg) of heroin into France, judicial officials said today.

The French policemen arrested the six — four men and two women — Friday in front of an hotel on the outskirts of the northern city of Lille.

A Navy cutter has intercepted a Panamanian freighter off Baja California and seized one metric tonne of cocaine, the attorney general's office announced yesterday.

Pakistani customs officials have seized 6.5 tonnes of high quality hashish they believed was to be smuggled to Europe.

A customs officer told reporters today 325 airtight polythene bags filled with hashish were found in a truck near Karachi. Four men were arrested.



Norman Mosher puts canned food items back on the shelf at Petri's Market in Los Gatos, Calif., after a 5.1 magnitude earthquake struck early yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Quakes wallop San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 9. (AP) San Francisco Bay area residents were jolted by an earthquake yesterday that broke windows, toppled groceries and caused a man to jump to his death from a fifth-storey apartment window.

The quake yesterday occurred as state and US emergency services officials prepared to conduct a two-day test of their response to a catastrophic earthquake.

The quake, which hit with a jolt and rolled for 10 seconds, caused only minor structural damage but was felt as far away as San Luis Obispo, about 30 kilometres (20 miles) south of San Francisco and in Sonoma county, 96 kilometres (60 miles) to the north.

The tremor struck at 1:13 am local time (0813 GMT) and measured 5.2 on the Richter scale of ground motion. It was centred on the San Andreas fault about 15 miles (24 kilometres) south of San Jose.

A moderate aftershock measuring 4.2 on the Richter scale struck at 1:44 am (0844 GMT) followed by a second, stronger aftershock that measured 4.5 at 8:53 am local time (1553 GMT), according to the US geological survey in Menlo Park.

In Los Gatos, where the quake was centred, police reported that

Matthew James Bignall, 19, accidentally jumped from his bedroom window after apparently being startled awake by the earthquake.

Bignall died of multiple injuries, according to a spokeswoman with the Santa Clara county coroner's office.

Residents reported some broken windows and items falling off shelves but no major problems, a Los Gatos police dispatcher said. Damage was confined mostly to Santa Clara and northern Santa Cruz counties, according to the state office of emergency services in Sacramento.

Experts warned that the seismic activity signals an increased chance that a severe earthquake will strike the area during the next week.

"It certainly shows us the fault is becoming more active," said Andy Michael, a US geological survey geophysicist. He said the quake was the largest in the area since 1969.

"The stress is building up in the earth and we're going to start getting large earthquakes," said Michael. "It should serve as a reminder to prepare."

The open-ended Richter scale is a measure of the energy released by an earthquake, as measured by ground motion recorded on a seismograph.

## Search resumes for Texas congressman

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, Aug 9. (AP) Rescuers extended their search today into Sudan in hopes of finding US Congressman Mickey Leland and 13 others who disappeared two days ago while flying to an Ethiopian refugee camp.

Meanwhile, the Ethiopian authorities reported that a plane had been heard flying Monday near Mizan Teferi, about 80 kilometres (50 miles) south of the Fugido refugee camp where Leland and his entourage were bound.

The twin-engine plane carrying Leland, 44, and the others vanished during bad weather near Ethiopian-Sudanese border, 480 miles (775 kilometres) southwest of Addis Ababa.

The congressman, who is chairman of a US Congressional Committee on Hunger, had taken a keen interest in Africa's refugee problem.

The twin Otter, a plane commonly used for bush flying in Africa, carried eight members of

his staff, embassy personnel and officers of the US Agency for International Development. Five Ethiopians were on board, including three government officials, the pilot and co-pilot.

Fugido camp is run by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and is one of four in the region that house more than 300,000 refugees who have fled civil war in neighbouring Sudan.

Yesterday, heavy clouds and poor visibility hampered planes that crisscrossed the cold, windswept plateau in Ethiopia, said John Guerra, political officer at the US embassy in Addis Ababa.

The weather was reported to have improved enough today to resume a full-scale search. A half-dozen small planes were being used in the search, directed by Ethiopia's civil aviation authority.

Earlier, embassy officials said they were told the plane actually had been sighted, but today acknowledged they had been misinformed.

Common virus: US researchers have discovered a common virus may cause the complications responsible for killing many heart transplant patients.

University of Minnesota doctors said the virus — cytomegalovirus — apparently caused coronary artery disease among some 40 per cent of 100 heart transplant patients studied. The disease is often fatal and progresses rapidly.

They speculated that the virus injures the inside of coronary arteries, making it more vulnerable to the formation of dangerous fatty deposits. But, writing in the new American Journal of Cardiology, they said it is unknown why the virus led to the complications in some patients and not in others.

In their study, the university researchers found 32 per cent of the 100 patients involved developed the cytomegalovirus infection. Coronary artery disease developed in 16, and 10 of them had the virus infection.

Thus the viral infection was found in 62 per cent of patients with coronary artery disease versus 25 per cent of patients without it. (KUNA)

Plot against Bush: The US secret service is investigating the possibility that a suspected bank robber may have plotted to assassinate President Bush during a speech near Detroit but was thwarted by security precautions, agents said yesterday.

John Spencer Daughette, 34, who was arrested in Oakland, California, on Friday following a bank holdup, indicated to police during questioning of the robbery that he wanted to kill Bush, said Jim Hughes, secret service special agent in charge in Detroit.

Daughette made "some threatening remarks" about the President, he said.

Agents in Detroit said Daughette apparently planned to carry out an attempt on Bush April 17, when he gave a speech at City Hall in Hamtramck.

Hughes said Daughette apparently had made diagrams of the area where Bush gave the speech.

Daughette allegedly tried to get inside a building with a line-of-sight approach to the podium where Bush spoke, but agents said the speech was over before Daughette could get in place. (UPI)

Investigation: The Justice Department is investigating financial practices at up to 20 prestigious colleges and universities, apparently to determine whether the schools violated antitrust laws in setting tuition and financial aid, the Washington Post reported on Wednesday.

Schools ranging from Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., to Colby College in Waterville, Maine, have received "civil investigative demands" in recent weeks from the Justice Department's antitrust division.

Investigators are seeking documents on tuition and fees, student aid, budgets and other financial matters, the newspaper quoted school officials as saying.

The Post said Justice Department officials confirmed the inquiry but would not discuss details or name the schools involved.

Officials at several schools said the documents requested make it clear the Justice Department investigators are interested in whether the colleges illegally colluded when setting tuition and determining the amount of financial aid students could receive, the Post said. (UPI)

Official found dead: A US Drug Enforcement Administration agent found dead in his Los Angeles home earlier this month died of a heroin overdose, an autopsy revealed.

Gary S. Hilaire, 33, became the first DEA agent in the history of the agency to die from a drug overdose, authorities said.

An autopsy determined yesterday that Hilaire, who had been an agent for six years, died "of an overdose of heroin" Aug 1 at his home in Los Angeles, DEA spokesman Robert Straub said.

It was not immediately known if the agent had injured himself and himself, he said.

"This is the first time that we're aware in New York or anywhere else an agent died of a drug overdose," Straub said. (UPI)

Community service: Oliver North, the former US Marine lieutenant colonel, convicted in the Iran-Contra trial, soon will begin doing his 1,200 hours of community service — in the drug neighbourhoods of the capital.

North, conscripted into the war against drugs by the judge who sentenced him, began his orientation on Monday for administrative duties in a private, inner-city programme called Save Our Youth, Inc. He will focus on the activities of the "new pipe smokers," a group of former drug offenders, some of whom were dealers, who are now attempting to steer young people away from narcotics. (AP)

Mail fraud: A former top aide to television evangelist and PTL founder Jim Bakker pleaded guilty yesterday to mail fraud, wire fraud and conspiracy in the federal investigation of the television ministry.

Richard Dortch also agreed to testify against Bakker in his fraud and conspiracy trial later this month.

George T. Davis, Bakker's attorney, said he was surprised by the plea agreement and said Dortch's testimony has "got to have some effect."

"These kind of deals are somewhat suspect from the very nature of the animal because it is not uncommon for people to sell their souls if necessary to save their bodies," Davis said. (AP)

Tax-free witches: A Coven of witches has won tax exempt status in the eastern US state of Rhode Island as a legitimate religious group.

"With this ruling, we witches will definitely be able to come out of the closet and take our place in society," said the Coven's high priestess, Joyce Siegrist, also known as Lady Geopetia.

Tax administrator R. Gary Clark said he overturned the state's initial ruling that the Rosegarden Coven did not qualify for a sales tax exemption, because it proved on appeal that it met the guidelines for legitimate church groups as set out by a 1986 Rhode Island Supreme Court ruling. (AP)

Book deal probe: A federal grand jury is investigating a book deal by former US House of Representatives Speaker Jim Wright and a publishing company to at least two groups that bought his book, "Reflections of a Public Man."

A grand jury is a panel of citizens who review evidence and decide whether a case should go to trial and, if so, which charges should be filed. A subpoena is an order to present specific records, documents and testimony in court. (AP)

New daily newspaper: Publication of the St. Louis Sun, a new daily newspaper, will begin Sept 25, with the major weekend edition of the newspaper to be published on Saturday instead of Sunday, newspaper officials said in St. Louis, Missouri.

At a news conference to announce the date of the first edition, Ralph Ingersoll II, chairman and editor-in-chief of the Sun, said that research showed people have the most time for leisure newspaper reading on Saturday. (UPI)

Consciousness regained: An 87-year-old woman who regained consciousness as she was about to be embalmed showed no signs of life before she was taken to the funeral home, a boarding home operator said.

"The lady died away for a while and later came back to life," said Robbie Caldwell. "The lady was lying there. She had no pulse, no blood pressure, nothing. She was just gone."

Ms. Caldwell did not say whether Carrie Stringfellow was pronounced dead by a doctor before she was taken to the funeral home on Saturday, and she refused to answer additional questions about the incident.

Ms. Stringfellow, whose murmuring started a mortician preparing to embalm her, was listed in fair condition at Mercy Medical Center. She was taken to the hospital after she was found to be alive. (AP)

Urban renaissance: President George Bush, addressing a group of US civil rights leaders, vowed on Tuesday to work toward stopping the decline of inner cities and making "the '90s a decade of urban renaissance."

"We must create conditions for urban growth and economic revival, conditions that leave no one behind," Bush said in remarks to the 19th annual meeting of the National Urban League.

Bush made no mention of current disputes between his administration and civil rights advocates.

But he said at one point, "before I go on — I want to make sure everyone in this room knows just where I stand, just where our administration stands. My administration is committed to reaching out to minorities, to striking down barriers to free and open access."

"We will not tolerate discrimination, bigotry or bias of any kind — period," Bush said.

The President did not announce plans to visit sub-Saharan Africa this fall, despite earlier speculation by White House officials.

Although Bush reiterated promises to work against poverty and racial intolerance, civil rights leaders attending the Urban League conference earlier suggested Bush's deeds have not always matched his words. (AP)

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## 3 killed, 4 unaccounted for in dilapidated rooming house fire

LYNN, Massachusetts, Aug 9. (AP) A fire raged out of control for three hours and gutted a dilapidated rooming house yesterday, forcing tenants to swing from ropes and leap to neighbouring roofs because there were no exterior fire escapes. Three people were killed, and four remained unaccounted for.

The investigation and search for bodies

was delayed while a crane was brought in to clear rubble from the four-storey brick building. By late afternoon, investigators had interviewed 30 of the 37 people who were in the Ben Crest rooming house at the time of the blaze.

The city had previously filed a criminal complaint against the owner of the rooming house for failing to install a sprinkler

system a lawyer for the owner said installation of sprinklers was to have begun next week.

Survivors said an alarm failed to sound. "I pulled on the fire alarm, and it broke right off in my hand," said Dwayne Rogers, 25, a fourth-floor resident who tried to wake other tenants before escaping to an adjacent roof with Leo McDonnell,

46. "We saw a couple of people that couldn't reach the roof, and they got torched," Rogers said.

McDonnell and Rogers said they lost one elderly man they had awakened on their way out.

"I turned around and Scottie wasn't there," McDonnell said.







## INTERNATIONAL

# Contra death order 'not yet'

WASHINGTON, Aug 9. (Agencies): The US government says the Nicaraguan Contra rebels can remain together as a fighting force if they don't like the plan by Central American presidents to disband them.

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said yesterday the administration of President George Bush is "generally supportive" of the pact agreed to by the presidents of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

But he said "we're sceptical" of Nicaragua's commitment to democratic reforms.

The agreement calls for the rebels to voluntarily disband by Dec 5 and be peacefully repatriated if the Nicaraguan government moves toward democratic elections.

But the US government said the pact is far from the "death sentence" for the Contras described by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega.

"We're clearly moving toward demobilisation and repatriation," said Fitzwater. "We're moving in that direction but I think it's too early to say that the game's over."

"Our policy is... we would like to see demobilisation before the election," set for Feb 25, he told reporters.

The Bush administration expressed its misgivings as former President Jimmy Carter announced he had accepted an invitation from the Nicaraguan government to lead an international delegation to monitor the February elections.

Carter, who gained a reputation as a peacemaker when he served as president between 1976 and 1980, did not ask for or receive US government approval.

These are the details of the 120-day plan for disbanding 12,000 Contra rebels:

- Setting up an international support and verification commission made up jointly from the United Nations and the Organisation of American States within 30 days of Monday's signing.

- Within 90 days of its creation, the commission should:
- Receive arms handed over by the rebels.

- Monitor the return of Contras and their families to Nicaragua or seek third countries for their resettlement, if they decide not to return, including granting them passports.

- Dismantle the Contra bases and Nicaraguan refugee camps in Honduras.

- Provide temporary shelters in Nicaragua under commission protection and supervision for returning Contras and their families who cannot go back home.

- Provide basic services to the returning Contras and offices to assist them when their rights are violated.

The agreement also calls for international organisations to grant financial support for the repatriation of the rebels and their families.

On their return they should be offered land, economic aid and technical assistance.

Fitzwater emphasised that if the Contras don't like the conditions developed by the commission, "the issue then is, they're still there. If they don't agree to it, they're not demobilised."

US officials would not discuss what stand the US government would then take on renewed funding for the rebels. The current aid package calls for \$49.8 million in food, clothing and other non-lethal aid to last through Feb 28 next year.

US State Department officials refused to confirm reports that the administration had lobbied the Central American leaders to keep the Contras intact until the election.

Contra leaders reacted sceptically to the plan to disband them. The rebels threatened to send armed troops back to Nicaragua and said they were awaiting proof that the Sandinista government would meet commitments to democracy.

Contra military leader Colonel Enrique Bermudez, speaking from Miami where the Contras' political office is based, said the rebels would not disband until talks on political reforms and safeguards for voluntary repatriation take place with the Sandinistas.

Rebel leader Aristides Sanchez said that armed Contra rebels were expected to begin streaming back into Nicaragua from Honduran base camps over the next few weeks in defiance of the plan.

But the plan has drawn praise throughout most of Central America.

## Satellite deployed

# Ariane blasts off

KOUROU, French Guiana, Aug 9. (UPI): A French-built Ariane 4 rocket roared into space yesterday and deployed a communications satellite and an ultra-precise star mapper, lifting off on a second try with just 7 minutes left in the acceptable launch period.

The Ariane got off the ground at 7.26 pm lift-off had been scheduled for 6.47 pm but the countdown was halted just seconds before ignition when a mechanical arm from the launch pad's service tower failed to retract.

Technicians scrambled to fix the jammed mechanism and launch the rocket before 7.32 pm, when the Earth would move out of position for proper deployment of the satellites. Missing the deadline would have scrubbed the launch for the day.

The launch was the 15th straight success for Arianespace, the European consortium that markets Ariane boosters, and the 29th in 33 missions dating back to 1979.

The 194-foot (59-m) liquid-fuelled rocket, the most powerful launcher in the European inventory, streaked away from the European Space Agency's jungle launch complex on the northern coast of South America about 10 hours after the US shuttle Columbia lifted off from Florida on a secret military mission.

The Ariane's cargo — the West German TV-Sat 2 communications satellite and an astronomy satellite called Hipparcos — were dispatched shortly after lift-off toward their positions in orbit.

## Space shuttle to land Sunday

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Aug 9. (UPI): NASA lifted a strict news blackout today and revealed the crew of the orbiting space shuttle Columbia will land Sunday in California to close out a five-day military mission conducted under a veil of secrecy.

Columbia, NASA's original space shuttle, thundered into space yesterday on its first flight since it was grounded 3 1/2 years ago for extensive modifications ordered in the wake of the 1986 Challenger disaster.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration blacked out all radio traffic between the astronauts and mission control to keep the public — and the Soviet Union — in the dark about the military flight.

Reporters nonetheless were able to monitor events as they happened, although the status of the shuttle's payload was not immediately known.

The duration of the fifth post-Challenger mission was classified prior to launch but today, NASA broke its Air Force-imposed silence with a three-sentence statement announcing Columbia will land Sunday at Edwards Air Force Base, California, between 9 am and noon.

The exact landing time will not be revealed until Saturday, 24 hours before touchdown. But sources have said landing is planned for around 10:37 am EDT.

"Meanwhile, the ... crew is doing well and the Columbia continues to perform satisfactorily," said NASA spokesman Kyle Herring from Mission Control in Houston.

Columbia's cargo has been widely reported to be an advanced imaging reconnaissance satellite to spy on the Soviet Union.

Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine reported it was to be launched near the end of the shuttle's fifth orbit, or around 4 pm (2000 GMT) yesterday, while Columbia sailed over the Indian Ocean west of Australia.

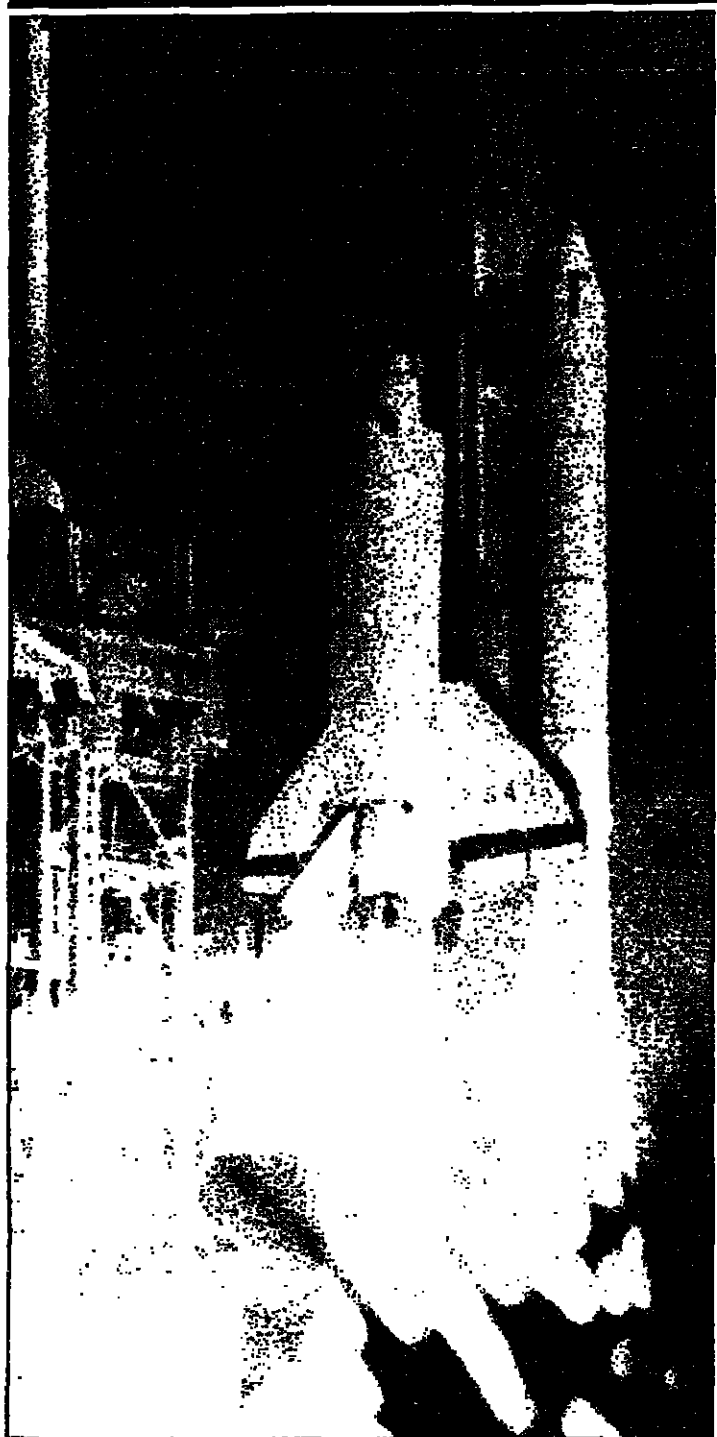
But with a news blackout in effect, the status of the payload in the 30th US space shuttle mission could not be determined.

Air Force Col Brewster Shaw, 44, commanded the fifth post-Challenger flight — Columbia's eighth mission — joined by pilot Richard "Dick" Richards, 42, a Navy commander, Army Lt Col James Adamson, 42, Air Force Maj Mark Brown, 37, and Navy Cmdr David Leestma, 40.

Shortly after rising from the launch pad yesterday morning, the spacecraft began wheeling around its vertical axis, lining up on a northeasterly trajectory and confirming pre-launch suspicions the shuttle was bound for an orbit allowing it to fly over 80 per cent of the Soviet Union.

"Rock 'n' Roll, Columbia," astronaut Frank Culbertson at mission control said to Shaw, a rhythm guitar player in a part-time astronaut rock band called the "Max Q" in Houston. Culbertson later confirmed the "high inclination" orbit by referring to an emergency runway in Spain in a comment to the crew.

John Pike, associate director of space policy for the Federation of American Scientists, said he believed the shuttle's cargo was an advanced imaging reconnaissance satellite, which weighs between 28,000 and 32,000 pounds (12,700 to 14,500 kg) fuelled and can photograph "the letters on a licence plate" from orbit.



The space shuttle Columbia rises from the launch pad at Cape Kennedy. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Panama forces detained by US

### Security Council meeting sought

PANAMA CITY, Aug 9. (UPI): US troops in Panama detained yesterday uniformed members of the Panama Defence Forces, including a major general, near a US controlled military area for the first time since relations soured between PDF's commander Gen Manuel Antonio Noriega and the Washington more than a year ago.

According to a statement released yesterday evening by the US southern command based in Panama, Marine troops were "carrying out an operative to check the condition of roads that lead to Empire Range, where 29 individuals in various vehicles were observed entering an area of military co-ordination."

"The US forces proceeded to detain the individuals when it was discovered that they were not authorised to be at the installation," the bulletin said.

Alberto Desantis, mayor of the town of Arraijan, on the western outskirts of Panama City and one of the 29 Panamanians detained, said the incident occurred when some Arraijan residents attempted to block the path of the US Marines, who were travelling through Arraijan in a convoy of five armoured vehicles, to a target practice area known as Empire Range.

Desantis said US troops also detained Panama Defence Forces Maj Manuel Siero, two other Panama Defence Forces officers, four Panamanian soldiers, and 21 Panamanian civilians for nearly three hours.

The southern command bulletin, however, said the group was held for an hour and 15 minutes.

"The individuals, some uniformed members of the Panama Defence Forces and others in civilian dress were detained at the scene of the incident for approximately one hour and 15 minutes, and were then escorted from the area without incident," the release stated.

"Maj Siero and I were at the scene because we were warned that the convoy was approaching and some Arraijan residents were planning to block their path," Desantis said.

According to the 1977 Panama Canal treaties, Empire Range is an area of military co-ordination. Under this classification the Panama Defence Forces are responsible for the external security of the firing range while US troops are responsible for its internal security.

The southern command bulletin said US troops seized four automatic machine-guns, two grenades, one submachine-gun, two .38 calibre pistols and five 9-mm pistols, but added the weapons will be handed over to the Panama Defence Forces after a complete investigation of the incident is carried out.

Panama's UN ambassador yesterday called for an urgent meeting of the Security Council to deal with "the policy of destabilisation and coercion pursued by the United States against Panama."

## 54 massacred by Mozambican rebels as peace negotiations begin

MAPUTO, Aug 9. (Agencies): The semi-official Maputo daily Noticias reported today that rebels killed 54 people and wounded 17 in southern Mozambique on Monday night, only hours before their leaders were due to open peace talks with Mozambican churchmen in Kenya.

Noticias said the victims, including 13 women and eight children, were clubbed and hacked with machetes at Fidel Castro communal village, 10 km

(six miles) from Xai-Xai, capital of Gaza Province. Witnesses quoted by the state-run newspaper said Monday night's massacre claimed the lives of Mozambicans who were kidnapped elsewhere in the province and marched into the village with their hands tied behind their backs.

It quoted an eyewitness as saying the Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) rebels, ripped open the stomach of a pregnant woman and forced



### Under surveillance

Reporters and FBI agents keeping diplomat and suspected spy Felix Bloch (in front) under surveillance as he takes a long hike in Washington. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US officer under probe

WASHINGTON, Aug 9. (KUNA): Some of the activities of US Air Force Capt. John Vladimir Hirsch, implicated by Pentagon officials for espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union, now appear innocent, Hirsch's family and acquaintances suggested today and US officials seemed to concede.

And some military sources expressed dismay at what they termed the "premature leaking" of data in the case to the media by unnamed officials.

Hirsch, 33, was suspended from his sensitive post at a US electronic listening station in West Berlin last month and returned here over the matter.

Air Force security officials had concluded on questioning Hirsch he may have tried to deceive them about his unauthorised foreign travels, and noted his living quarters at Tempelhof Airport contained large amounts of cash.

Some speculation centred as well on Hirsch's Czechoslovakian background. Hirsch is a naturalised US citizen.

Nine years ago he and an older brother were brought to the US from Czechoslovakia by their father after his family-owned business was lost to the communist government.

The Pentagon had quickly confirmed press reports recently implicating Hirsch on spying.

Although defence officials told the Washington Post "a full and thorough investigation" continues, an Air Force officer briefed on the probe added, "no one in (higher) channels is saying that this guy's a spy."

Like Felix Bloch, a high-ranking State Department official and former deputy ambassador at the US Embassy in Vienna, Austria (who also is suspected of espionage), Hirsch has not been charged with anything despite intense media scrutiny.

Hirsch was among several holders of top-secret clearances interrogated after an Army Warrant Officer, James Hall, pleaded guilty three months ago to selling US secrets to the Soviets.

## Pressure to continue

### C'wealth measures against S.Africa

CANBERRA, Australia, Aug 9. (AP): Commonwealth foreign ministers yesterday agreed to seek wider international pressure on South Africa to stop racial segregation but deferred a decision on calls for tougher economic sanctions.

"There is the utmost urgency in pushing ahead with the moves," Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark, chairman of the Commonwealth committee of foreign ministers, told reporters after the second day of meetings yesterday.

Ministers from Australia, Canada, Guyana, India, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe were in Canberra discussing their stance on South Africa and its system of racial separation, called apartheid.

The ministers voted to recommend measures to be discussed by the Commonwealth heads of state at their meeting in Malaysia in October.

The foreign ministers recommended that Commonwealth nations discourage all governments from granting South Africa credit in trade deals, which they said had cushioned South Africa's

balance of payments. They want future credit deals restricted to a maximum 90 days.

They also recommended asking banks to impose stringent repayments terms on South Africa's \$12-billion foreign debt, which is due in June 1990. The ministers also proposed establishment of a monitoring body to watch the international finance community's links with South Africa.

In Pretoria, South Africa's Foreign Minister P. W. Botha yesterday released the text of a letter he sent to Clark, urging the Commonwealth ministers to reconsider their pro-sanctions stance.

The ministers' actions came after Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke pleaded with the gathering to maintain economic sanctions because they proved effective.

"The message is getting through," Hawke said, adding the pressure had "proved such a powerful force for change."

"In late August of 1985, South Africa came under such intense pressure from its creditors that it defaulted on a portion of its international debt and as a result ... because an unacceptable risk," Hawke told the ministers.

Police used tear gas against students, at a coloured (mixed-race) university in Cape Town today, who were demonstrating in support of a nationwide defiance campaign against South Africa's apartheid race policies.

About 1,500 students attended an indoor protest rally at the University of the Western Cape, about 15 km (nine miles) from the centre of Cape Town.

Residents of Oukasek, a ramshackle rural black township, have won a potentially decisive court victory in their long-running struggle against government efforts to relocate them, their lawyer said yesterday.

"I'm hoping it's the beginning of the end," said Geoff Budender, director of the Legal Resources Centre, in reference to the government's prolonged campaign to destroy Oukasek.

## Peace talks resume

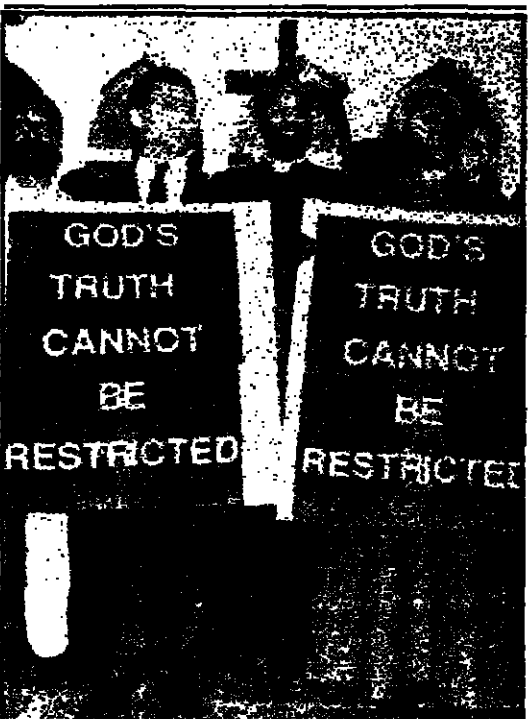
LISBON, Portugal, Aug 9. (AP): Talks aimed at ending Angola's 14-year civil war resumed yesterday between the Angolan government and US-backed UNITA rebels in Noe, Zaire, the Angolan State News Agency said.

But tension was reported as both sides exchanged accusations of breaches of a June 24 ceasefire.

Angop reports, monitored in Lisbon, said Angola's President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos received a message yesterday from his Zairean counterpart Mobutu Sese Seko, who is mediating the talks now in their third round.

Mobutu's message was carried by Zairean Vice-Premier Ntany Mavika Ngimbi who expressed his optimism over the negotiations.

Meanwhile, in a report yesterday from Savimbi's south-east Angolan stronghold of Jamba, the Lisbon Daily Capital said the UNITA chief was to visit the United States at the invitation of President George Bush and later travel to a number of unspecified European and African countries on a diplomatic offensive to win support for his cause.



### Clerics protest

Anti-apartheid church leaders Rev. Allan Boesak (left) and Archbishop Desmond Tutu (right) lead a picket protest by clerics in central Cape Town Tuesday. They were protesting in support of former political detainees who have started a campaign to defy government restrictions placed on them after their release from detention. (Reuters wirephoto)

some young children to watch their mother being hacked to death.

There was no independent confirmation of the report.

The reported attack occurred while rebel leaders and Mozambican government representatives were in Kenya in a bid to resolve Mozambique's 12-year-old civil war.

Mozambican churchmen, acting on behalf of

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Record high

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Aug 9. (AP): Departure delays at European airports hit an all-time high in June with nearly one flight in three delayed for more than 15 minutes, the Association of European Airlines said today.

The AEA said in a statement that the delays were largely caused by "major technical problems" in the fragmented European air traffic control system, made up of 22 different systems.

### 6 bodies recovered

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Aug 9. (AP): Search teams today recovered six bodies from the wreckage of a sightseeing plane that crashed in the southern Alps with nine American and Canadian tourists aboard, police reported.

They said there were no survivors. A New Zealander was piloting the twin-engine Britten Norman biplane that went down yesterday near Mount Aspiring on South Island.

### Inquiry opens

NAIROBI, Aug 9. (Reuters): A British tourist whose death in a popular game reserve last year raised controversy over Kenya's ability to protect its visitors may have been on duty while fleeing from an attack on the reserve.

The first witness at a special inquest into the death last September of Julie Ward, 28, told today evening hearing that her severed head was found frozen by tiger mauls in a running position.

The inquest, which opened after nearly a year of campaigning by Ward's father, will rule on his contention that his daughter was murdered.

### Crime wave

MOSCOW, Aug 9. (Reuters): The KGB is sending some of its best security staff to fight an organised crime wave in Soviet provinces, KGB Chief Vladimir Kryuchkov said.

"We already had begun the fight against organised crime. Now we are widening it considerably," Kryuchkov said in an interview published in the Soviet newspaper Pravda today.

In all regions instructions were given for intensifying operations. The best cadres which the KGB has at its disposal are now directed to different regions of the country," he said without elaborating.

### Cow rescued

LONDON, Aug 9. (Reuters): Farmer Lyndon Wilton called in a British Navy helicopter when his 600-lb cow fell 180 feet (60 metres) down a cliff on a scree-covered ledge.

"It was one of our more difficult cow lifts," said Lieutenant Doug Seely, one of the crew who led mother-to-be Tinkerbell to safety.

Tinkerbell took the plunge at Rame Head, in the southwestern English county of Cornwall, on Monday. Fishermen spotted her at the cliff bottom and alerted Wilton who climbed down and spent the night with her on the ledge.

### Toxic wastes ship

TILBURY, England, Aug 9. (AP): English port officials refused today to allow a cargo of toxic waste from Canada to be unloaded and said the freighter Khudoshnik Saryen would return to Montreal.

The authorities said the ship carried six drums of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), destined for incineration at a waste disposal plant in Manchester, northern England.

Peter Firth, spokesman for the Tilbury Port authority, said the Soviet-registered ship would be allowed to unload any nontoxic cargo before leaving port tonight, but not its "highly toxic contents."

### Adriatic slime

RIMINI, Italy, Aug 9. (Reuters): Problems created by slime, algae and lack of oxygen in the Adriatic could worsen next year, a member of a World Health Organisation (WHO) group of experts said yesterday.

Unless weather conditions change, the phenomena of eutrophication (excess plant and animal life in water) and slime will occur again next year, and probably to a greater extent than this year, said Eric Groult, environmental health chief of the WHO office in Copenhagen.

### Procession allowed

BUDAPEST, Aug 9. (Reuters): Hungarians' holiest religious relic will be carried in public procession this month for the first time since the communist takeover 40 years ago.

The state news agency MTI said yesterday that the catalyst which Catholics believe contains the right hand of the country's founding king, St. Stephen, will be carried across Budapest on August 20, the anniversary of his death.

Last month the ruling Communist Party, which dissolved many religious orders and seized church property after taking power, said it no longer required its members to be atheists.

### Cassava poisons

LAGOS, Aug 9. (Reuters): People are dying of poisoning because new, quick ways of cooking cassava, a staple food for millions of Africans, fail to remove cyanide from the root, Nigerian state television said.

Doctors at the Lagos University teaching hospital confirmed that four brothers aged between eight and 13 years died last weekend after eating ill-prepared meals made from cassava root, the television said last night. Newspapers report an increasing number of such deaths this year.

Cassava should be soaked for at least three days in the traditional way before cooking to remove cyanide, which is naturally present in many varieties.





Kaifu (right) is congratulated by Mr. Doi, who won an upper house nomination as premier but lost the leadership. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Kaifu names new cabinet

Two women included

TOKYO, Aug. 9. (AP) — Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu named a new cabinet today, including two women in historic positions. The 48th Prime Minister and his first cabinet in history named two women to the cabinet to counter an opposition-led women's revolution in politics.

Kaifu, 58, the nation's second youngest post-war leader, named a 20-member cabinet which wiped the slate clean of the brief and troubled administration of Soudaiki Jiro who served only 68 days before resigning over a go-go sex scandal and stunning parliamentary election defeat.

Kaifu's new cabinet announced tonight included 13 members who had never served in any ministerial post before, and for the first time ever, a woman brought in from the private sector to guide the nation's economic planning.

Sumiko Takahara, 56, a journalist-turned economic commentator, was appointed Minister of Economic Planning.

The second woman in Kaifu's cabinet is Environment Minister Mayumi Moriyama, 61, a former deputy foreign minister, who grabbed headlines several years ago for attempting to crash a men's only golf club in Tokyo and championing the cause of grade-school girls trying to compete in sumo wrestling.

The important post of Foreign Minister went to Taro Nakayama, 64, a doctor-turned-

politician who comes from a political family that included Japan's first woman cabinet minister.

Kaifu, elected president of the Liberal Democratic Party yesterday, was confirmed as prime minister today in a vote by the powerful lower house of the Diet, or parliament, in which the LDP holds an overwhelming majority.

But for the first time in 41 years, the largely rubber-stamp upper house elected a competing prime minister, Socialist Party leader Takako Doi, 60, the nation's first woman leader of a major political party.

Under the constitution, however, the lower house determines the country's chief executive and Doi's nomination was defeated.

Doi has led a fast-growing women's revolution in politics, which for the first time has been women stand up against the power and money-oriented regime of male-dominated politics which has kept the conservative LDP in power since its founding in 1955.

In parliamentary elections July 23, the women's vote was cited as a major factor in toppling the LDP's majority in the upper house for the first time in 34 years.

Recent polls show that in the next general election, expected sometime this year, the LDP may lose its majority in the lower house, triggering a fight with the

Socialist Party to form a new government.

"I was very impressed when the chairman declared that the upper house designated Takako Doi as Prime Minister," Doi said. "But the door of history opened only half. I'd like to put all my energy into the day when the door will open completely."

"We are seeing the beginning of the end of the very long domination by the LDP," she declared.

Following is a list of Japan's cabinet members: Prime Minister, Toshiki Kaifu; Justice, Masao Goto; Foreign Affairs, Taro Nakayama; Education, Kazuo Ishihashi; Finance, Ryutaro Hashimoto; Health and Welfare, Saburo Toida; Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Michihiko Kano; International Trade and Industry, Hikaru Marumasa; Transport, Takami Eto; Posts and Telecommunications, Senpachi Oishi; Labour, Jiji Fukushima; Construction, Jozo Harada; Home Affairs, Kozo Watanabe.

Directors-general of government agencies (state ministers): Chief Cabinet Secretary, Tokuo Yamashita; Management and Co-ordination, Kiyoshi Mizuno; Hokkaido and Okinawa Development, Fumio Abe; National Land, Hajime Ishii; Defence, Jiro Matsunori; Economic Planning, Sumiko Takahara; Science and Technology, Eisaburo Saito; Environment, Mayumi Moriyama.

Top LDP officers: Secretary-general, Ichiro Ozawa; Chairman, Executive Council, Shunjiro Kawanishi; Chairman, Policy Affairs Research Council, Hiroshi Mitsuoka.

## Pirates hack 71 boat people to death

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 9. (Reuters) — Pirates hacked to death over 71 Vietnamese men and abducted women and children before sinking a refugee boat, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office said today.

Only 13 survivors, all men, have been rescued by fishermen and workers on an oil rig off Malaysia's northeastern coast. UNHCR said in a statement.

It quoted the survivors of Saturday's attack, one of the worst reported this year, as saying the pirates intercepted the boat carry-

ing 84 people, including 15 women and 11 children, and towed them further out to sea. After robbing them and transferring the women and children to their two boats, the pirates started killing the men kept in the hold with sticks, iron rods and axes.

"In the panic that followed, others tried to storm the hold but were contained by the pirates who used fishing nets over the opening," the statement said.

As the men tried to cut their way through the net, the pirates returned to their vessels

and rammed the Vietnamese boat till it sunk. The pirates then "systematically killed" those who tried to swim to safety. Some of the women and children jumped off the pirate boats in an attempt to escape, it said.

There has been no report of any survivors except the 13, who have been taken to a refugee camp on Pulau Bidong island nearby.

The number of refugees in Pulau Bidong has risen to nearly 16,000, twice the amount in January, despite a decision by countries in the region to stop granting automatic refugee status to boat people arriving after March 14.

## Court spares life of Cohen

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Aug. 9. (AP) — The Supreme Court today overturned a death sentence against a New Zealand woman convicted of drug trafficking, and commuted it to life in prison.

It upheld a lower court's ruling that her son also jailed for life and receive six strokes of the cane, and rejected the government's appeal demanding capital punishment.

Lorraine Phyllis Cohen, 46, and her son, Aaron Shelton Cohen, 23, had appealed against their conviction on trafficking charges and the sentences handed down Sept. 1, 1987, by the high court in Penang, 300 kilometres (180 miles) northwest of Kuala Lumpur.

Malaysia's highest ranking judge, Lord President Abdul Hamid Omar, who heard the appeal with four other judges, said Mrs Cohen's sentence was commuted because, among other things, the trial judge had ignored the needle marks on her hands.

The defence had claimed the marks proved she was an addict and not a trafficker.

"I am so happy... I am really relieved... I had been prepared to die... I might write a book about the whole thing," Mrs Cohen told reporters.

The Cohens had been living in Sydney, Australia, before their arrest at Penang Airport on Feb. 9, 1985.

Mrs Cohen was charged with trafficking in 140.78 grams (4.96 ounces) and her son with trafficking in 34.61 grams (1.22 ounces) of heroin.

The government argued that based on the evidence, Aaron should have been sentenced under a section of the law providing for a mandatory death sentence.

Instead, the Supreme Court held that both should be sentenced under a section providing for mandatory life imprisonment. They were described in court as drug addicts.

Defence Lawyer Karpal Singh told reporters, "It was a close one and I am happy. This is a precedent (commuting the death sentence to life) and there may be hope for others."

Singh said that since mother and son had been in custody for about 4 1/2 years, they may have to serve only about nine more years. In Malaysia, a life sentence normally amounts to 13 1/2 years in prison because of time allowed for good behaviour and other reasons.

Singh said Aaron's doctors had determined he could not withstand a caning and that he would appeal to the pardons board to rescind the court's decision.

Two weeks ago, a Briton was hanged in Malaysia after being convicted of drug trafficking. Two Australians and several Thais, Singaporeans, Filipinos and others also have also been executed after similar convictions.

Malaysia passed laws in 1975 to impose the death sentence for drug trafficking. Since then, 221 people have been sentenced to death. Of these, 80 have been hanged. The others are awaiting dates for hanging or appeal hearings.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has said the stringent laws were necessary because the drug problem is Malaysia's "No. 1 enemy," more dangerous than the threat posed by the 1,200 guerrillas of the banned Communist Party of Malaysia.



Nagasaki remembered

Nagasaki marked the 44th anniversary of a US atomic Bomb attack by demanding today that Japan enforce its policy banning nuclear-armed US warships from its waters.

An estimated 24,000 people gathered around a billow white tent in a "peace park" to remember the 70,000 people who died from the attack.

"To protect Japan from the threat of nuclear weapons, Nagasaki demands the Japanese government make efforts to change its stance on nuclear deterrence," Mayor Hiroshi Motomura said in his annual peace declaration.

In the final stages of World War II the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945 and on Nagasaki three days later to force the Japanese to surrender. The bombing of Hiroshima killed 140,000 people.

Nagasaki's call for enforcement of a national policy banning nuclear warheads may command the attention of the government now that the ruling Liberal Democrats have been weakened by scandals and unpopular policies.

Picture shows Catholic girls praying for the victims of the atomic bombing. (Reuters wirephoto)



Escorted by a Thai policeman, 80 monks of an unorthodox Buddhist sect leave their religious centre in Bangkok. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Dissident monks arrested

BANGKOK, Aug. 9. (UPI) — Police have arrested 105 monks from a dissident Buddhist sect for questioning on charges of wrongfully imitating the dress of the mainstream Buddhist monkhood, officials said today.

Bangkok Deputy Police Commissioner Maj Gen Viroj Pao-In told reporters the arrests of the 105 monks were made yesterday, because police had sufficient evidence to question the monks.

He said there was evidence that most of the monks had been illegally ordained because the sect leader who ordained them was not authorised by responsible Buddhist authorities.

A spokesman for the sect, called Santi Asoke (House of Peace), denied the charges.

The charges carry a penalty of imprisonment for

no more than one year and a fine of no more than \$80, but the case has inflamed debate on the proper role of the government in regulating religion.

Woraporn Tongyingsiri, a lawyer for the sect, said he was preparing to ask for the release of the monks on bail using their personal honour as a guarantee, because the monks do not have any money.

Yesterday's action was the latest police move against the Santi Asoke sect which has criticised the main Buddhist church for becoming too interested in money, personal comfort and power.

Last month police arrested the founder of the sect, Phra Potirak, on charges of refusing to obey orders of the ecclesiastical council, the main executive body of Thai Buddhism, to resign from the monkhood.

## China draws up list of foes

BEIJING, Aug. 9. (Reuters) — China's hardline rulers have drawn up lists of enemies and plans for dealing with them in an expanding campaign to quash dissent, Chinese sources said today.

Communist Party members and other reliable Chinese sources said two broad groups of people had been targeted, the first to be "attacked" and the second to be "purified."

It was unclear what treatment awaited those in either of the two groups but a directive circulated among party members recently called for these opponents to be "thoroughly uncovered and resolutely suppressed."

A Western diplomat said these were more concrete targets of a document circulated last month that broadly listed potential political foes since a military crackdown in June.

"It appears to be an effort to keep the campaign (against dissent) going as people get tired of it," he said.

The first group included 10 categories such as plotters behind recent anti-government violence, people with close ties to foreign enemies or those who spread rumours, concealed activists, took revenge on informers, attacked government and party offices or took part in looting.

A second group of nine categories included those who had links with "suspicious people outside the country," gave substantial aid to protesters or anyone else in "suspicious circumstances."

Chinese journalists said such teams had been formed at their offices but employees of other government departments said there had been considerable reluctance to implement the directives.

Meanwhile China's new Communist Party chief is being portrayed in the official media as a man of the people who does not fear getting his hands dirty and is comfortable preaching homely socialist virtues.

"Let's sing a song together," Jiang Zemin reportedly told workers at a Shanghai steel-works. "We'll sing. We workers have strength." OK?

"Under comrade Jiang Zemin's direction, the song rose loud and clear," the party newspaper, the People's Daily reported yesterday in a front-page article entitled "General secretary among the people of Shanghai." Jiang returned Sunday from a five-day visit to the city where he was local party secretary until his June 24 appointment to the national post of party leader, succeeding Zhao Ziyang.

Early in his two-year tenure, Zhao also was portrayed as warm and personable man who enjoyed visits outside the capital to mingle with ordinary people. But since his ouster for allegedly supporting student pro-democracy protesters, the media have carried only harsh criticism of him and blamed him for virtually every problem China faces, from an unbalanced budget to corruption to poor worker morale.

A key Chinese aide at a Western-funded foundation in Beijing was arrested in what Chinese sources said is a government attempt to link ousted Communist Party Chief Zhao Ziyang to the CIA, the Washington Post reported yesterday.

China's persistent economic problems, including double digit inflation, are expected to stoke social and political unrest in the next decade, the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) said in a report issued yesterday.

China is expected to come under heavy criticism at a UN human rights meeting for crushing the pro democracy movement last June, officials said yesterday.

Eighteen criminals were executed in the southern Chinese city of Canton today, including a man from the nearby Portuguese enclave of Macao, a pro-Beijing newspaper reported.

## Selective immigration urged

### 'Welcome to Singapore'

SINGAPORE, Aug. 9. (KUNA) — Singapore needs talented and dynamic people from other countries to help build this island republic into "a vibrant and thriving society", Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew announced yesterday.

In a National Day message broadcast over the radio and television, he said "we must encourage selective immigration into Singapore as a long-term plan."

On Singaporeans who have emigrated to other countries, Lee told the nation: "In the past 10 years, we have started to lose increasing numbers of our better educated to Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. They have taken Singaporeans from our top 25 per cent."

"We cannot close our doors to prevent Singaporeans from leaving, but we can make Singapore a vibrant and thriving society with

opportunities for a rewarding and a fulfilling life.

"We owe it to ourselves and our children to make sure that they need never leave Singapore because of a fear that the future is bleak."

"And we shall do this by continually attracting talented and dynamic people to join us in Singapore."

Pointing out that Singapore has never been afraid of newcomers from abroad, the prime minister said, "Singapore makes a living by competing in the international marketplace. We have never been protectionists. That is why we have succeeded."

On the government's recent liberalisation of immigration policy to accept workers from Hong Kong, Lee said: "Hong Kong workers will enhance the quality of our workforce. They will help attract investments to Singapore to create more jobs and business for all."

## UN won't open border

### Demand rejected

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Aug. 9. (AP) — The United Nations command yesterday rejected a North Korean demand to open the Korean border for the return of a South Korean radical student, and accused the North of turning this truce village into a "political carnival."

Meanwhile, the North proposed yesterday that South and North Korean delegates meet at Panmunjom for Red Cross meetings Friday and UNification talks next Monday to discuss the return of student Im Su-Kyong, who has been visiting the North.

There was no immediate reply from the South Korean government, which has said Ms Im would be arrested on her return home for violating national security.

At the 45th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission, the US-led UN Command accused North Korea of increasing tensions at the border. The commission was formed in 1953 to administer the truce that ended the Korean war.

US Rear Adm. Larry G. Vogt, the chief UNC delegate, said the "North was using Ms Im's case to create a political carnival at the border with demonstrations, banners and anti-US protesters."



Burmese students who joined Karen guerrillas fighting against Rangoon troops along Thai-Burmese border yesterday staged a rally. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Burma sets up new military tribunals

Junior officers get more martial law powers

BANGKOK, Aug. 9. (AP) — Burma's military government has established new regional military tribunals and expanded the martial law powers of junior army commanders, the state radio has reported.

An order July 18 empowered the commanders of the Rangoon region and of the northwestern and central regions to set up military courts to try martial law violators. This already has been put into effect in the capital, Rangoon.

The new tribunals, empowered to order sentences ranging from three years hard labour to death, have been set up in the central and northwestern military administrative districts, the official Radio Rangoon said yesterday quoting orders dated Aug. 2. A transcript of the broadcast was seen in Bang-

kok today.

The orders quoted by the radio extended the authority to dispense martial law to more junior commanders in both areas.

The announcement came on the first anniversary of the beginning of a nationwide uprising for democracy that was crushed last Sept 18 by military commander Gen Saw Maung.

On Aug 8 last year, tens of thousands took to the streets of Rangoon in what was then the largest show of dissent against a quarter-century of repression. The following day, troops shot dead hundreds of peaceful protesters.

Although Saw Maung has promised to hold multiparty elections next year, martial law forbids

open political dissent.

Western diplomats in Rangoon reported a number of small, sporadic protests by students who braved martial law to commemorate last year's demonstration.

One diplomat reached by telephone from Bangkok today quoted a witness who saw a young student clubbed around the head with a rifle butt as troops dispersed a crowd of some 70 demonstrators and 300 bystanders in the centre of the city yesterday five were arrested, he said.

The diplomat, who asked not to be identified, said there were also reports from the northern city of Mandalay that several thousand monks had staged a veiled protest during their daily alms rounds early yesterday.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

## 'Error' free

WEST BERLIN, Aug 9. (Reuters): A former East German agent who escaped from a West Berlin jail and was recaptured 36 years later has been freed again due to an administrative error.

The Justice Department said in a statement yesterday that 68-year-old Werner Hoppe had been released after an official had "inappropriately evaluated the facts of the case."

In 1951 Hoppe tried to abduct a West Berlin politician and was sentenced to seven and a half years in jail. He escaped in 1953 but was detained again last June when he crossed to the western sector of the divided city on a visit.

## Pope reiterates

VATICAN CITY, Aug 9. (Reuters): Pope John Paul today repeated views which have been condemned by a US-based Jewish organisation as prejudicial to Jews.

The Pope, speaking at his weekly general audience, implied the Jewish covenant with God had been broken and superseded by the Christian covenant.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith has written to the Vatican seeking "urgent clarification" of similar remarks made at last week's audience.

## Anonymous artist

PARIS, Aug 9. (UPI): An anonymous artist stuck a statue of a head, sculpted out of reinforced concrete, on the wall of the Port du Louvre on the right bank of the Seine today, standing passers-by strolling in the area.

The unauthorised 5 ft 6 inch (1.7 m) carved head covered with a polychrome finish, was attached with concrete to the wall between the Pont Royal bridge and the Pont du Carroussel on the embankment near the Louvre museum, the witnesses said.

French radio reports said the same mysterious artist is believed to have erected a similar bust last February on the Modern La Defense Square in the northern outskirts of Paris. Authorities had said that sculpture removed.

## Pass system

MOSCOW, Aug 9. (Reuters): Special passes to control people's movements in ethnically troubled Abkhazia, in Soviet Georgia, will be imposed from tomorrow, Tass reported yesterday.

The official news agency said the system requiring residents to have a special card before they could leave town was to combat unrest in the region, where 19 people have died since mid-July in clashes between Abkhazians and Georgians.

## Men dashes

EAST BERLIN, Aug 9. (Reuters): A man dashed through the gates of West Germany's closed diplomatic mission in East Berlin last night as a car drove out, bringing to 131 the number of would-be emigres held up there.

Mission spokesman Eberhard Grashoff would not directly confirm a West Berlin newspaper report that a 32-year-old man thwarted night security to enter the compound but said: "The story is not incorrect."

## Poland exhumes

WARSAW, Aug 9. (Reuters): Polish authorities began to exhume bodies from a mass grave yesterday in an effort to explain the fate of about 600 Poles who disappeared in 1945 after a wave of arrests by the Soviet NKVD secret police.

The grave, which a Polish farmer discovered in 1987, measures about 90 square metres (yards) and lies hidden in a pine forest near the village of Głębokie in northeastern Poland, next to the Soviet border.

Polish investigators conducted an inquiry two years ago and said skeletons found in the grave apparently belonged to German soldiers.

## Thatcher urged

LONDON, Aug 9. (KUNA): British Premier Margaret Thatcher was being urged to take control of Britain's foreign policy and downplay the role of the Foreign Office, according to a report published here today.

The study could bring to a head a long and bitter row between Downing Street and the Foreign Office. The Daily Express, which highlighted the report, said advisers are telling Thatcher to set up her own independent policy unit in Downing Street.

## Common ground

WASHINGTON, Aug 9. (AP): Federal regulators and AIDS activists appeared to have found some common ground that could advance testing of an experimental drug from China now being used in unauthorised trials in San Francisco.

The Food and Drug Administration yesterday told the organisers of a network of doctors testing the drug, called Compound Q, to stop his tests, but offered to talk to him about conforming the trials to FDA regulations.

## Greece to probe kickbacks

ATHENS, Greece, Aug 9. (AP): Parliament early today approved the formation of a fact-finding committee to probe alleged kickbacks through the procurement of 80 French and American jet fighters by former premier Andreas Papandreu's socialist administration.

The 12-member commission will investigate whether there is enough evidence to justify a full investigation by a parliamentary committee.

The probe into the procurement of the American-built 40 F-16s and French manufactured 40 Mirage 2000 fighter jets and 300 Magic II missiles, was proposed by the Conservatives after allegations were made that the

Greek taxpayer paid at least 260-billion drachmas (\$1.5 billion) more than it should have. It was dubbed by the media at the time as the "purchase of the century."

When Papandreu's Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) decided to buy the French and American built aircraft after first coming to power in 1981, government-to-government negotiations were initiated.

The F-16s were to be bought through US military credits and a letter of intent was signed in 1984. Greece receives \$500-million of US military credits a year.

But later negotiations broke down and the socialist government came into direct contact with General Dynamics and signed a contract

for the F-16s in January 1986, following a "political decision" by Papandreu.

The Mirage deal was signed in July 1985, after Papandreu announced that he had made the decision following direct negotiations with Dassault-Breguet of France.

Papandreu had claimed that direct agreement with the manufacturer had also eliminated middle-men and helped keep the total price lower.

The government-to-manufacturer negotiations raised questions at the time since the aircraft's unit price was much higher than what the same firms had quoted to other countries.

## Youth dies in Belfast violence

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Aug 9. (AP): A 15-year-old boy died in Belfast early today after a night of rioting on the 18th anniversary of the introduction of internment without trial, police said.

British news reports said the youth died after being hit by a plastic bullet fired by security troops trying to control young Irish Republican Army supporters throwing gasoline bombs and stones and burning British flags.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland's police force, would not comment on the cause of death.

"The death is being investigated," said a police spokesman, speaking anonymously in keeping with British custom.

Police said more than 20 people were arrested during the unrest, which flared in Roman Catholic areas of west Belfast late last night and continued into the early hours today.

On the northern outskirts of Belfast, gunmen burst into a home and injured a man and woman who had spotted them coming and barricaded themselves in a room, police said.

The gunmen tried to batter down the barricade but failed and then fired a number of shots through it, hitting both people. No group has claimed responsibility.

Three people were arrested in the Ardoyne area of the city after a crowd threw stones and attacked police, who dispersed the mob with plastic bullets, authorities said.

Crowds also lit bonfires in the Catholic areas and burned British flags, police said. A number of cars and buses were hijacked and set ablaze.

## Abandoned

The violence, an annual event although Britain abandoned the practice of internment without trial in 1975, flared amid heightened tension over the 20th anniversary next week of the deployment of British troops in the province.

On Aug 9, 1971, the British government introduced internment without trial for terrorist suspects in Northern Ireland. In pre-dawn raids that day, 342 people were arrested.

Britain abandoned internment in December 1975 following worldwide condemnation of the practice. But Irish Republican Army supporters, who were the main targets of internment, continue to mark the anniversary of its introduction each year with rioting and anti-British rallies.

The IRA, a terrorist group dominated by Roman Catholics, is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland. It wants to unite the predominantly Protestant province with the Republic of Ireland, where most people are Catholic, under socialist rule.

Authorities in the province are braced for violence next week because Monday is the 20th anniversary of the deployment of British troops in Northern Ireland.

Catholic civil rights demonstrations in 1968 created a violent protest reaction, leading to the arrival of British troops who soon found themselves fighting the IRA.

In 1972, the government in London closed the local parliament and assumed direct rule in the province.

## Italy's battle against Mafia

ROME, Aug 9. (UPI): Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti called in five of his ministers today and told them "concrete results must be seen soon" in the fight against the Mafia.

Andreotti told anti-Mafia high commissioner Domenico Sica and his justice, defence, foreign, finance and industry ministers that 428 Mafia killings in three months was unacceptable.

On Sicily, meanwhile, in an apparent show of force, police and anti-terrorist commandos launched a huge sweep for fugitives around Corleone, hometown of the ruling Mafia.

## Revenge attack

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interview with the Boston Globe in which he said: "We do not negotiate in any way that's going to jeopardise the lives of other Americans."

## Change

The administration's policy has been that the United States would talk with anyone but would not negotiate for the release of the hostages.

Bush said, "I don't think there's any subtle change" from the position he took in 1986 when he led a task force that wrote a report on terrorism.

"I'm not going to do anything that would put some other American, perhaps in some other place at some other time, at risk," Bush said. "And that means trading off or negotiating for hostages."

Referring to the possibility of US military retaliation if another American captive were killed in the hostage crisis, Sheikh Tofail said: "We tell them that the death they are trying to frighten us with is the death that we long for."

Iran, which has close links with Lebanese Shiites, says it is willing to help, but has sought to return the release of assets impounded in the United States since the Tehran embassy hostage crisis 10 years ago and help in recovering three Iranians missing in Lebanon.

Less than 48 hours after that attack, Israeli jets pounded commando positions in southern Lebanon, killing nine people and wounding 40.

Israeli soldiers and their local allies of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) closed off roads and held dozens of residents for questioning while investigating how the truck penetrated the security zone set up in 1985 to prevent commando attacks on Israel's northern border.

Hezbollah radio quoted a source in the organisation as saying obstacles had arisen in efforts to free Western hostages and Israel was to blame.

"Israel is responsible for the setback in recent efforts to free Western hostages," the voice of light radio station quoted the source as saying.

"The racist Zionists seem fully ready to sacrifice all the others for the sake of their interests," the source said in an apparent reference to Israel's insistence that its servicemen be included in any hostage swap.

Lebanese Christian Army commander Michel Aoun warned foreign powers against using force to free the hostages. "Any solution by force is not recommended," he told reporters.

The Muslim leader of a rival government, acting Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss, praised the bombing today.

"Resistance is the most dignified expression of the national stand which rejects occupation and what it entails of oppression and aggression," he said.

Discussing his policy on dealing with kidnappers, particularly on whether the United States might release billions of dollars in frozen Iranian assets, Bush said he would avoid any kind of straight exchange or deal.

Bush has been described by his spokesman as cautiously optimistic, but said in the Globe interview he had no reason to believe the hostage problem would be solved in the immediate future.

## Certain

Higgins' wife said yesterday it was virtually certain her husband was dead, and she urged Bush to work for the release of the remaining hostages.

Robin Higgins, wearing her Marine Corps uniform and speaking in a calm and steady voice, acknowledged for the first time yesterday it was a "virtual certainty" her husband was dead.

"Now is not the time for anger and bitterness, for recrimination and blame," she said. "Now is the time for calm reflection. ... now is the time to tell Rich Higgins that we love him and we miss him."

Asked if Israel would retaliate for the bombing, Israel's co-ordinator for Lebanon, Uri Lubrani, told Middle East television: "We shall not relent until these people understand that violence has two edges, and that their violence shall be replied by violent means."

"We shall find a way to deal with this act," he said. "We have done so before and we shall continue to do so."

Deputy Army spokesman Colonel Raanan Gissin told Reuters Israeli had refrained from attacking Hezbollah targets in the past for reasons that included concern over reprisal against US hostages in Lebanon.

But he said: "There is a limit to how much you can take into consideration without taking any action."

## Report

He said Sheikh Obeid was involved in some of more than 15 car bomb attacks by Hezbollah and other groups trying to penetrate the security zone since its establishment in 1985.

UN envoy Marrack Goulding



Marine Major Robin Higgins, wife of hostage Lt. Col. William Higgins, acknowledged Tuesday, the "virtual certainty" that her husband is dead. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bush seeks contacts

WASHINGTON, Aug 9. (AP): The wife of Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins says she is praying for President George Bush's efforts to "save the living" US hostages in Lebanon, as she acknowledges her husband almost certainly is dead.

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"Now is not the time for anger and bitterness, for recrimination and blame. Now is the time for calm reflection. ... Now is the time to tell Rich Higgins that we love him and we miss him," she said.

Meanwhile, the Boston Globe, a leading US newspaper, today quoted Bush as saying he isn't optimistic the eight remaining US hostages will soon go free, but plans to continue exploring contacts to obtain their release.

"I have no problem with that ... if I can talk to somebody and get the release of an American hostage and do it without, in my view or in the view of the experts, putting others at risk" of being taken hostage, Bush told the newspaper. "I have no reason to say that I can see in the short run a total resolution of the American hostage problem. I wish I could."

Higgins was the commander of UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon when he was abducted on Feb. 17, 1985. His Shiite kidnappers released a 30-second videotape a week ago that purported to show him hanging from a rope, bound and gagged. The terrorists said the US officer was hanged in retaliation for Israel's kidnapping of Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, a pro-Iranian Muslim cleric.

US State Department officials have rejected any attempt to link the fate of the eight US hostages to billions of dollars of Iranian assets frozen in this country nearly a decade ago.

"The questions of the assets have no connection or linkage whatsoever with the hostage issue," spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**USS America enters Gulf of Oman:** The aircraft carrier USS America and an accompanying battle group entered the Gulf of Oman Wednesday from Singapore, where the war ships cut short their stay in the wake of the hostage crisis in Lebanon, Gulf-based US Navy officials said.

"The USS America is in the Gulf of Oman," a US Navy spokesman confirmed. "There are five warships accompanying the America." The spokesman added.

The Navy spokesman declined to comment on whether the battle group would be used to increase US firepower in case of a strike against Iran. But US diplomats confirmed the increased naval power would give the United States, "increased options in case the hostage crisis deteriorates."

US Navy officials said the USS America would not go through the gauntlet of Iranian Chinese-made Silkworm missile bases on the shores of the Strait of Hormuz, the strategic mouth of the Gulf.

"There's no question of the America entering the Gulf," the US Navy spokesman said.

**US-Iran disputes:** International judges are working quietly to resolve disputes between the United States and Iran over billions of dollars of frozen assets, despite bitter differences between the two nations.

The members of the Iran-US claims tribunal in the Hague, Netherlands, have remained isolated from day-to-day politics. On Tuesday, the US State Department rejected a suggestion that US hostages in Lebanon could be released if the United States agreed to release frozen Iranian assets.

The English-language Tehran Times quoted a source saying Iran would intend to gain the release of the US hostages if Washington gave assurances it would release frozen Iranian assets.

Eight US hostages are believed held by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim in Lebanon.

**Velayati to visit Syria:** Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati is due to visit Syria next Monday for talks likely to focus on the hostage crisis, diplomats said on Wednesday.

They said Velayati would meet Syrian officials, who last week promised UN envoy Marrack Goulding they would support efforts to secure freedom for 17 Western hostages in Lebanon.

Syria, the main foreign power broker in Lebanon, has strong relations with Iran which yields influence over hostage-takers. (Reuters)

**Bush meets Jewish leaders:** Jewish leaders in the United States, concerned about possible strains in US-Israeli relations over the hostage crisis, said President George Bush "reaffirmed the close and strong relationship" in a meeting with them Tuesday.

Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle and other administration officials met with a half-dozen leaders from Jewish-American organisations at the White House.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said afterwards the Jewish leaders, who requested the meeting, were "concerned about Israel in this process and any general public attitudes that might develop."

returned to the United Nations today to report on a trip to the Middle East to probe the fate of Higgins, who was serving as a UN truce observer when kidnapped in February 1988.

It is now widely accepted that he is dead but it is not clear when or how he died.

A separate statement released by Hezbollah's information centre said Obeid's abduction by

helicopter-borne Israeli commandos from his house in the southern village of Hibshit was a "terrorist crime of piracy."

The statement reiterated Hezbollah's flat rejection of Israel's offer to trade Obeid and the estimated 300-400 Shiite prisoners it holds for three Israeli servicemen and 16 Western hostages held in Lebanon.

## Communists attack Walesa proposal

Solidarity leader 'violating agreements'

WARSAW, Poland, Aug 9. (AP): A government newspaper today said Solidarity leader Lech Walesa's proposal to form a non-communist government was a bid to interfere with the parliamentary system and violate negotiated agreements.

Also today, the Solidarity parliamentary floor leader, Bronislaw Geremek, told a Solidarity caucus that Walesa was ready to hold talks on forming a government.

Walesa on Monday proposed forming a governing alliance with two minor parties traditionally allied with the communists.

The Solidarity-led opposition holds 99 of 100 seats in the senate, or upper chamber, and 161 of the 460 seats in the more powerful Sejm, or lower chamber. The government

holds 173 Sejm seats, while the Peasants Party holds 76 and the Democrats 27. The remainder are held by pro-communist Christian organisations.

A 231-vote majority is needed to form a government.

In the past, the Peasant and Democratic parties were virtual rubber stamps for the Communist Party. But in Poland's changing political environment, with free elections promised in four years, the allied parties have started to demonstrate greater independence.

A commentary today in the government daily Rzeczpospolita said Walesa's proposal to exclude the communists from the government "is a violation of good principles of political culture, an interference in

parliament's decision and ... an attempt to exert extra-parliamentary pressure."

It followed a statement yesterday by the party politburo that Walesa's offer could cause a government crisis.

Referring to the Aug 2 election by the Sejm of Communist Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak as prime minister, Rzeczpospolita said: "An attempt is made to somehow withdraw the sovereign Sejm decision and to impede formation of a government, and consequently to undermine the line of national agreement."

"If we decided to solve our problems by parliamentary and political means, we should not depart from this road by violating the rules of the game, withdrawing from adopted decisions and pledges," it said.

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MIDEAST

# Israeli baby, Palestinian boy killed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 9. (AP): A 19-month-old Israeli boy died today after being shot by Israeli troops when his father opened fire on the soldiers in the occupied West Bank, apparently thinking they were Palestinians about to attack him.

Today, a 6-year-old Palestinian was reported killed when troops fired during disturbances at a Gaza Strip refugee camp, hospital officials said.

The Israeli infant, Itai Hamtani, died at Tel Hashomer hospital in Tel Aviv of a bullet wound in the head, hospital officials said.

The father, Daniel Hamtani, 30, a West Bank Jewish settler, stopped his car and shot into a grove of trees concealing an Army patrol.

The father was shot in the chest and moderately wounded, and a second son, Ornan, 4, was lightly wounded, the Army said.

Yousef Ghazi Salamah, 6, was fatally shot in the chest by soldiers firing from a rooftop during clashes in the Shati refugee camp, according to an official at Shifa Hospital in Gaza city.

Salamah's death raised to 531 the number of Palestinians killed in clashes with soldiers or other Israelis since the Palestinian uprising began in December 1987. Thirty-eight Israelis also have died in the violence.

A general strike shut down stores and offices in the West Bank and Gaza as Palestinians marked the completion of 20 months of their uprising against Israeli occupation.

"Children of the intifada — their faces are furious, their games are stones," said one slogan in Gaza city, using the Arabic word for uprising.

The incident involving the Jewish settler occurred last night as Hamtani was driving to his home in Ariel, an Army announcement said.

Israel radio said today that Hamtani noticed a glint of light in a grove of trees and mistook the soldiers for Palestinians lighting a firebomb to throw at his car.

Hamtani backed up, then opened fire into the trees, the radio said. It noted that news reports earlier yesterday reported a firebombing nearby.

# Abu Jihad's widow in Fatah committee

## Hardliner dropped, youngsters brought in

TUNIS, Aug 9. (Reuters): The main PLO group Fatah elected an expanded leadership today, bringing in the widow of assassinated military commander Abu Jihad and dropping hardline Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Rafik Natshah.

In a 13-hour session, a general congress of the movement gave a seat on the 18-member central committee to Intissar Al Wazir, 47, the first woman to reach such rank in either Fatah or the PLO.

Nine of the 10 members of the outgoing leadership, including all those who founded Fatah with Yasser Arafat 30 years ago, remained

their seats in the secret ballot by 1,100 delegates.

PLO officials said the nine new members, some of them relative youngsters, enlivened the leadership and reflected most of the political trends in the movement.

"You can't say a particular trend is dominant or that the newcomers are Arafat's men," one official said.

But an Arafat aide commented: "It's a victory for Arafat. This is the new blood he was looking for."

## Woman in the News

# Umm Jihad in top ranks

TUNIS, Aug 9. (Reuters): Umm Jihad, the first woman to reach top ranks of the Palestinian leadership, became an activist in her teens and, as wife of military commander Khalil Al Wazir, lived through all the PLO's battles for survival.

Umm Jihad, whose real name is Intissar Al Wazir, was elected today to the central committee of Fatah, the main group in the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Social and photogenic in her black-and-white chequered scarf, she was already a well-known personality on the rounds of seminars and conferences held to promote the Palestinian cause.

"It was in recognition of both her husband Abu Jihad and of herself, one of Fatah's first women activists," one delegate said of her election by 824 of the 1,100 militants at Fatah's Tunis congress. Only three men received more votes.

It was also a tribute to the role of women in the intifada (uprising) in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where men traditionally dominated Palestinian society.

Born the daughter of a bookkeeper in the Gaza Strip in 1942, Umm Jihad grew up amid the turmoil surrounding the birth of the state of Israel in 1948.

Three of her uncles, including the father of her future husband, were among the hundreds of Palestinian refugees who fled Jaffa and Haifa when Israel was created.

She was dreaming of becoming a doctor in 1956, when Israeli troops invaded Gaza Strip in their push towards the Suez canal. "It was when they beat up my father that I saw him cry for the first time," she said later.

In Cairo soon afterwards, she set to work typing and distributing leaflets for a cell of the Fatah movement of which, then unknown to her, her cousin Khalil was a founding member.

"Now that you have joined the resistance by yourself, I ask you to be my helper, to keep my secrets and to marry me," Khalil Al Wazir, who later assumed the nom de guerre Abu Jihad, told her when they met and discovered their identities.

For the next 30 years, the Palestinian movement took them round the Arab world — Kuwait, Cairo, Algiers, Amman, Damascus, Baghdad, Beirut, Tunis — and Umm Jihad gave birth to a succession of children — Jihad, Bassem, Aymen, Hanan and Nidal.

While Abu Jihad fought in 1982, his wife ran a PLO foundation set up to look after the widows of PLO fighters and the families of prisoners, about 100,000 people in total.

She rose through the ranks to become assistant head of the secretariat of Fatah's revolutionary council and a member of the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile.

She was at home in the Tunis suburb of Sidi Bou Said in the early hours of April 16, 1988, when a group of about seven gunmen burst in and shot dead her husband before her eyes.

# Labour sets terms for polls

TEL AVIV, Aug 9. (Agencies): Israel's Labour Party, the junior member in the ruling coalition, yesterday proposed terms for an election in the occupied territories that would meet some key Palestinian demands.

Labour's proposed modifications contrast with tough conditions proposed by its Likud Party coalition partners last month, which almost led to the government's collapse.

"This is a very important message to the Palestinians that half of the government is ready to do a lot in order to create a Palestinian partner for negotiations on the peace plan," said Haim Ramon, a prominent member of the dovish wing of Labour.

Under the original peace plan proposed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Likud, Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip would vote for representatives who would then negotiate limited self-rule.

Labour Party yesterday decided to stay in Israel's ruling coalition and adopted the principle of trading territory for peace to guide peace negotiations with Palestinians.

The massive show of hands that concluded the meeting of the party's 1,350-member central committee put an end to the government crisis that erupted July 5 over hard-line conditions for peace talks adopted by the rival right-wing Likud bloc.

Labour's 1,100-member central committee said negotiations with Palestinians could begin while the 20-month-old revolt against Israeli rule continues in the occupied territories. Likud voted last month that the uprising must end first.

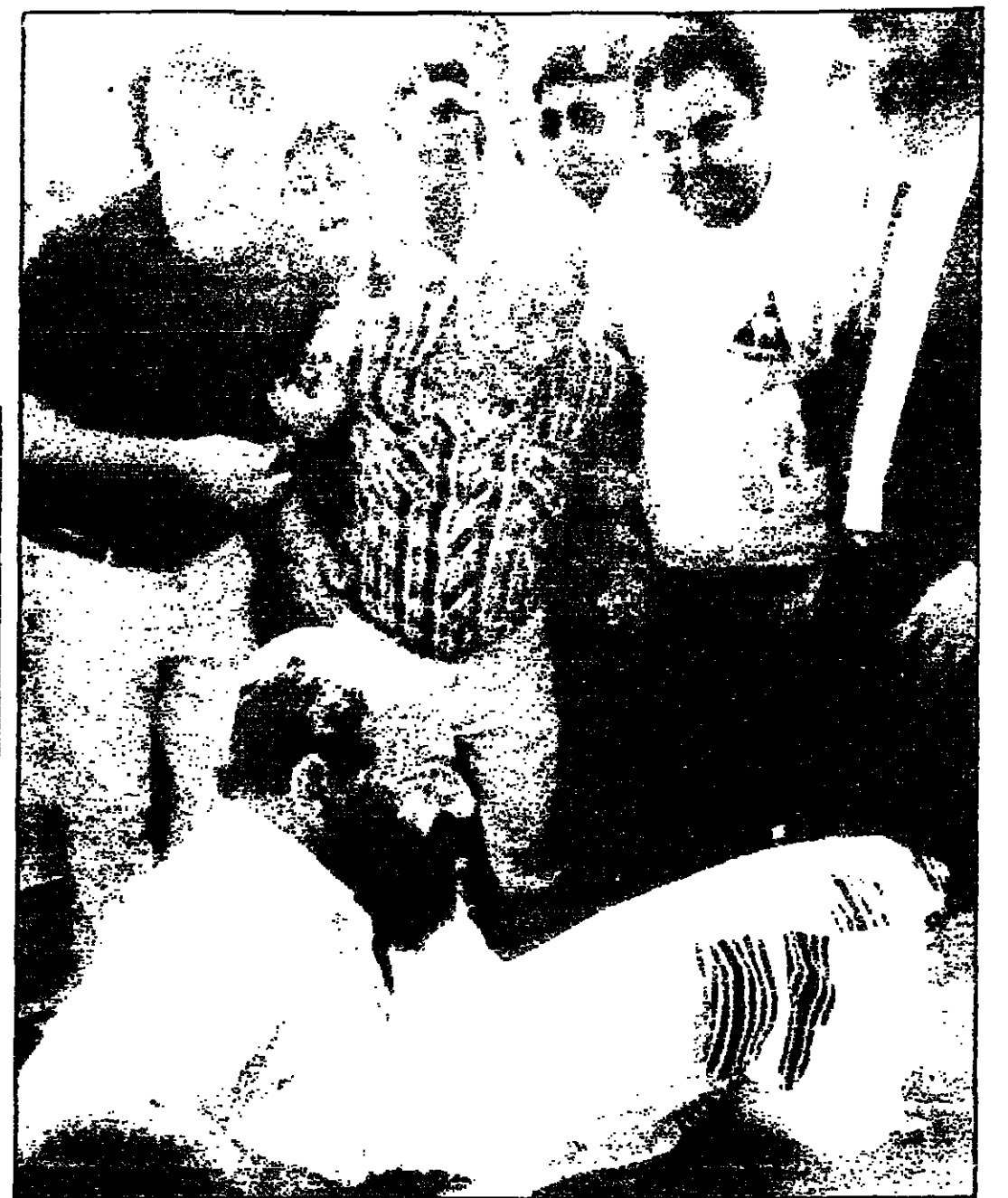
Labour also agreed to give a vote to east Jerusalem Palestinians as well as Jordanian citizenship — most of the Arab population — although it said Jerusalem must remain part of Israel. Likud wants east Jerusalem Arabs to be excluded.

Labour also said observers from other countries having diplomatic relations with Israel would be invited to see the voting.

The elected Palestinians would negotiate an interim solution to serve as the basis for self-rule and then find a permanent settlement, Labour decided. It would also allow Palestinians outside the occupied areas to participate in the negotiations.

Labour's proposals, all of them at odds with positions taken by the central committee of Likud in July, would meet some key demands of the PLO.

"I know they (Likud's conditions) created confusion, hurt trust between us and the residents of the territories," Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a member of the Labour Party, told delegates.



Hamtani buried

The body of Hamtani, wrapped in a prayer shawl, is gently lowered into the ground by a relative as his grief-stricken grandfather (centre) is supported by his uncles. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Soviet call for peace

# Aoun hopes for a summit

BEIRUT, Aug 9. (Agencies): Christian Lebanese leader Gen Michel Aoun expressed the hope that an Arab summit conference might be held soon to resume the aborted mediation by a three-member Arab League committee to settle the Lebanese crisis.

The 54-year-old Maronite was addressing a news conference.

Aoun's conference followed a late night meeting with Samir Geagea, commander of the Lebanese forces, the Christians main militia.

Aoun's office would not say what was discussed at the meeting of the two Christian leaders, but their previous meeting three weeks ago was followed by a massive escalation in the artillery duels.

The Soviet Union today urged the three-member Arab committee to pursue its reconciliation efforts and accused Israel of being the primary cause of the destabilisation in Lebanon.

Aoun also said force should not be used to free the 17 Westerners believed held hostage in Lebanon.

"Any solution by force is not recommended," Aoun told reporters in his air-conditioned bunker under the presidential palace on the outskirts of Beirut.

"Any course of action may save the lives of hostages, maybe, but it will not resolve the problem (of kidnapping)," the Army chief added.

"The problem will be solved if, in Lebanon, we re-establish a strong central government that can control Lebanese territory," he said.

In Washington, White House officials yesterday said they were cautiously optimistic that behind-the-scenes moves would resolve the hostage crisis.

US media reported last week that President Bush had prepared plans for possible military action if American hostages in Lebanon were harmed.

Pro-Iranian groups made renewed threats to kill Western hostages after Israel's seizure on July 28 of Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, a pro-Iranian Hezbollah religious leader.

One group said it hanged US hostage Colonel William Higgins in retaliation three days later.

Aoun said the Higgins affair had shown the Lebanese themselves were not directly responsible for the spate of kidnappings in the country in recent years.

In Damascus, diplomats said today Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati was due in the Syrian capital next Monday for talks on the hostages with Syrian officials.

Iran has some 2,000 Revolutionary Guards in Lebanon and it backs Hezbollah, a militant and well-armed Shiite organisation believed to have close links to hostage-takers.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Iranian president

NICOSIA, Aug 9. (AP): Iran's President-elect Hashemi Rafsanjani will take office next week, and he is expected to announce his team of new ministers soon after, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

The Agency, monitored in Nicosia, did not state the exact date Rafsanjani will officially become the Islamic Republic's new President, but said that the ceremony will take place before the Parliament, or Majlis, when it convenes next week after its summer recess.

### Activists detained

KHARTOUM, Aug 9. (Reuters): Sudan's military junta has detained eight white collar activists who challenged its suppression of trade unions, Sudanese sources said today.

They were arrested last weekend after handing a memorandum to a member of the 15-man junta today, the sources said.

The memo, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters, was the first known action opposing junta policies since the Army toppled Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's elected government on June 30.

### Demands accepted

ANKARA, Aug 9. (Reuters): Justice Minister Olan Sungurlu has accepted most of the demands of hunger striking prisoners, bringing a mass protest in Turkish jails close to an end, an opposition member of parliament said today.

Nearly 2,000 inmates are refusing food in 12 Turkish prisons. Two died a week ago after a 35-day fast in the western city of Aydin and 33 others are seriously ill and refusing medical care.

"I have the conviction that we are nearing a settlement after speaking to the minister on the telephone last night," Hismi Postaci of the opposition Social Democrat Populist Party told Reuters from Aydin.

### Critically ill

RABAT, August 9. (Reuters): Six Moroccan political prisoners are critically ill after 50 days on hunger strike and have been transferred from Rabat jail to hospital, relatives said today.

The six went on hunger strike to protest at alleged prison brutality and lack of medical or sanitary facilities.

The relatives said they had been denied all visits to the men and the authorities had refused to give any information about their condition.

Lawyers and doctors have been the prisoners who are believed to have been force fed.

### Musavi wishes

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Aug 9. (AP): Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi and the outgoing cabinet met today with the country's new spiritual leader and wished the next administration success, state-run Tehran Radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Musavi as telling Ayatollah Ali Khamenei "the goals and intentions of all who served the government for the past 8 years were to serve Islam, and the values for which our proud nation has given many martyrs, and suffered many difficulties."

### Transport agreement

BAGHDAD, Aug 9. (KUNA): Egypt, Iraq, and Jordan signed here yesterday an agreement to establish land line for transportation of passengers between Baghdad and Cairo, via Jordanian Aqaba Port and Egyptian Nuaiba Port.

## Fire suspects 35 held

CAIRO, Aug 9. (Reuters): Egyptian police arrested 35 Muslim fundamentalists yesterday suspected of setting fire to a shop in the Nile Delta region, according to a newspaper report.

The mass-circulation Al Akhbar said that militants set an electronics shop on fire in the town of El Matruh, about 190 km (115 miles) northwest of Cairo.

Police picked up the 35 suspects for questioning. The newspaper did not give further details and Interior Ministry officials were not immediately available for comment.

# Rebel leader poisoned

ISLAMABAD, Aug 9. (Reuters): A 75-year-old mujahedeen leader known as the Lion of Kandahar has died in south Afghanistan after being poisoned, rebels said today.

Haji Abdul Latif, who claimed the allegiance of several thousand mujahedeen fighters, died on Monday and was buried the following day.

A spokesman for Mahaz-i-Milli, the rebel group to which Latif belonged, said in Islamabad that his men had detained two bodyguards for questioning.

"They having their suspicions, but nothing firm," he said. "No one else had even a stomach ache."

The spokesman declined to speculate who might be responsible. But rebel sources said suspicions centred on a rival mujahedeen group rather than the Soviet-backed government of Afghan President Najibullah.

The mujahedeen in Kandahar and other southern provinces have been at loggerheads in recent months with some of the main rebel parties based in Peshawar to the north.

The seven Peshawar parties, who have formed a government-in-exile, pushed for an all-out assault on the Kabul forces.

But the southerners, many of whom support ended king Zahir Shah and have a long opinion of the rebel government, refused because of the risk of high civilian and rebel casualties.

# Rockets hit ammo dump

## Blast rocks Kabul

KABUL, Aug 9. (AP): A rocket that slammed into a military ammunition depot triggered explosions that lasted for hours and left one man dead, UN sources said today.

The man, who lived near the dump in the Khair Khana district of northwest Kabul, was running from his house after the rocket hit at dusk yesterday, said the sources, who refused further identification.

As the blasts echoed across the city, an electrical outage plunged Kabul into darkness for about 20 minutes last night. Black smoke, meanwhile, billowed over north-west Kabul where the depot was on fire.

The depot is about a half mile (one kilometre) from a large residential neighbourhood in Kabul.

Avicenna Hospital reported five casualties last night after the dump began exploding, but today, doctors there said they knew of no dead or injured and said the casualties might have been taken to military hospitals.

Relief workers, speaking anonymously, said eight people suffered serious injuries in rocket attacks last night, some in the Khair Khana area.

By Wednesday morning, the Khair Khana district was bustling again, even in streets below

the hillside dump, which looked like a burnt field.

Windows in some houses were broken and the floors were covered with ash.

A well-informed military source said the Afghan Army recently moved a large amount of ammunition from the city's airport to the depot.

The strike on the ammunition depot was scored by one of about six rockets fired late yesterday.

No group claimed responsibility for the latest attack, but US-backed rebels fighting to oust the Soviet-allied government have tried repeatedly to hit military targets in Kabul, with little success.

Since late June, Kabul has been hit by almost daily rocket attacks, but most have struck civilian areas. At least 281 people have been killed and 745 injured in the rocket attacks and a car bombing, according to UN sources.

On Monday, more than 40 rockets hit the Afghan capital in the worst day of the recent blitz. One landed near a fence in the Soviet Embassy compound, but no one was reported injured.

Meanwhile, the government announced that three men had been captured in connection with last month's car bombing in Kabul.

# Refugees report harsh crackdown in Somalia

DJIBOUTI, Aug 9. (Reuters): Somali government forces are reportedly cracking down on suspected political opponents following bloody protests in the capital Mogadishu last month, refugees fleeing the country and human rights officials say.

"People continue to be arrested in house-to-house searches, but on a lower scale than in the first few days," Rakiya Omar, executive director of the Human Rights Group Africa Watch, told Reuters in a recent interview in Djibouti.

Omar said her organisation believed at least 450 people were killed in three days of clashes which erupted outside mosques in Mogadishu after

Friday prayers on July 14, and that 1,000 were injured and more than 2,000 were arrested.

"I have reason to believe the number (of dead) is higher. But until we start getting specific names and more detail we're not going to jump to a higher figure," said Omar, a Somali whose group is part of the independent New York-based Human Rights Watch organisation.

According to Omar and Somalis who fled Mogadishu last week, the dead included 46 people rounded up and shot on a beach on the night of July 16-17.

The government said 23 people died and 52 were

injured when protesters armed with stones, sticks and knives attacked armed policemen and soldiers. It blamed the violence on what it called bandits hiding behind the cloak of religion.

The rebel Somali National Movement, fighting government forces in the north of the country since 1981, says more than 1,500 people died in the protests, which followed the arrests of four Islamic leaders, and subsequent security crackdown.

A Somali who arrived in neighbouring Djibouti last Saturday said some men, fearing arrest, dared not spend two nights in a row under the same roof.



# Amir visit to boost Kuwait-Egypt ties

## Influx of Kuwaiti investments

CAIRO, Aug 9. (KUNA): Kuwait and Egypt will be signing a number of accords and protocols, during the forthcoming visit of HH The Amir of Kuwait, designed to boost fraternal and deep-rooted ties between the two Arab nations, according to Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdulrazzaq Al Kandari.

Talks between HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak are set to increase bilateral co-ordination and co-operation in all fields, Ambassador Kandari told KUNA in an exclusive interview today.

He said the wisdom and farsightedness of HH the Amir and President Mubarak would surely lead to "best results from the visit for both nations and the entire Arab world."

The envoy added that the Amir, current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, shares with President Mubarak, just elected President of the Organisation of African Unity, great responsibilities in championing Arab, Islamic and African causes at international forums.

The visit, the ambassador pointed out, avails an opportunity for the Amir and President Mubarak to exchange views and co-ordinate stances ahead of the Non-Aligned Summit, slated to begin early September in Belgrade.

HH the Amir and President Mubarak, said the ambassador, have been working

closely for a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East based on fulfilment of the national Palestinian rights chiefly self determination and statehood on national soil.

As for Lebanon, the ambassador indicated that the Amir and President Mubarak, who enjoy good relations with all the Lebanese parties, have been seeking greater Arab and international involvement to resolve the Lebanese crisis.

Kandari said settling of regional flash-points in the Middle East would set the stage for increased Arab economic, cultural and social developments.

The ambassador noted that President Mubarak, in support of debt-relief proposals of HH the Amir, has been lo-

bying G-Seven countries and the European Community to cancel parts of poorest nation debts owed to rich countries, and freeze interest payments.

Kandari said Kuwait tops the list of Arab investors in Egypt with investments totalling upwards of one billion Kuwaiti dinars (\$3.3 billion).

He added that Egypt's new investment law has led to an influx of institutional and individual Kuwait investment feasibility studies focussing on tourism-oriented industries.

Concluding, the envoy highlighted Kuwait's generous economic assistance to Egypt funnelled through the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development that is financing several vital industrial projects.

## Constant check on fraud in markets

DIRECTOR of the Department of Inspection and Consumer Affairs Mohammad Abal Khail told members of a local youth club in an interview that the department's main function was to protect consumers from falling prey to commercial fraud in the country, and as such it drew up rules and meted out assignments to inspectors to act in response to reported complaints of fraud and cheating.

He stressed the importance of consumer co-operation in enabling department inspectors and staff enforce the going rules, adding that cases of fraud and incidents in which customers were unjustly cheated must be brought to the attention of officials so that necessary action can be taken.

The official said that inspectors paid regular visits to shops and commercial shopping centres to check the validity of operations and practice documents of the owners, and that failure to produce valid documents or to abide by the set rules would entail procedural penalties.

He added that the department also checked to ensure that merchandise matched specifications and standards approved by the relevant government authorities and that failure to do that would result in the confiscation of the merchandise and legal responsibility for the owner.



**Banquet hosted**

ACTING Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Tuesday night hosted a dinner banquet in honour of visiting Jordanian Premier Zaid Bin Shaker and the accompanying delegation.

The banquet, at SAS hotel, was attended by a number of officials and diplomats of both countries. Shaker was given an official send off yesterday when he flew to Qatar on a short visit. Pictured above are (from left) Sheikh Nawaf, Sheikh Sabah and Jordanian Premier Shaker.

## Jordanian dailies hail relations

AMMAN, Aug 9. (KUNA): Two Jordanian dailies today hailed the brotherly and deep-rooted relations between Kuwait and Jordan.

Al Dastour newspaper, in a front page editorial, said that the visit of Jordanian Premier Zaid Bin Shaker to Kuwait and his meeting with senior officials comes as part of joint co-ordination and co-operation between the two sisterly countries.

It expressed hope that bilateral relations will develop further under the two countries' leaderships.

## Co-operative demands ban on egg imports in summer

THE chairman of the Kuwait Co-operative Society of Poultry Breeders Musaed Al Sawarej has stressed the need for effective arrangements to increase productivity and secure good markets for the products of the Kuwaiti poultry industry.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that the drop in sales marking the summer recess and the openness of the local market to foreign poultry imports are responsible for unsatisfactory sales and low returns of local products.

He added it is necessary to arrange for adequate marketing channels to ensure that products were easily available to consumers throughout the country.

He pointed out that the need for a securer marketing policy is to blame for low production rates, whereby the chances for financial loss were meant to be kept to the minimum.

Poultry breeders can provide 50 to 55 per cent of the local market requirements of table eggs, but this rate could be increased substantially within three to four months if an effective marketing policy could be guaranteed, he said.

With the existing disparity between supply and demand prices could be stabilised, as farmers and poultry breeders strived not to sustain any losses in case the chances for reasonable profitability were nil.

This called for another major step towards

protection of local products through custom protection, which would enable the producers to market their products and not resort to stockpile their products for the right marketing season when demand increases.

The society has 26 branches for selling its products the official said and reaffirmed that local poultry products are far better in quality than imported frozen products.

The process in which the local poultry products are frozen involves air-drying, in contrast to the imported frozen products which were frozen following submersion in cold water.

Frozen poultry products coming from Brazil, France or Denmark contained 25 to 30 per cent water out of its total weight, while the Kuwaiti products water hardly exceeds 5 to 8 per cent, the official said.

**Action**

Sawarej demanded strict action to be taken against poultry imports particularly during the summer season, where thousands of Kuwaitis and expatriates leave Kuwait for summer vacations. He pledged stable prices on behalf of poultry farm owners to provide the requirements of the local market of eggs and chicken meat during the summer season. He said that the stiff foreign products competition barely enables producers to cover their costs.

## MPH to develop hospital services

THE Quality Control Department at the Ministry of Public Health has set up several committees at different hospitals to develop its services and activities.

The department has set up a committee of medical records whose job functions relate to studying technical and organisational contents of patients files. These committees will also organise and co-ordinate relations between the medical records sections and other sections at the hospitals. Dr Abdul Aziz Khalaf, director of Quality Control Department at the ministry said.

The department has printed 3,000 pamphlets which reflect the main elements of the medical file of patients and are transmitted to physicians at the hospitals with a view to updating pertinent information of these files, the official said.

**Development**

Explaining some organisational aspects, the official disclosed that the department set up committees to develop the radiological services at hospitals with the aim of protecting patients from the harmful biological effects that can possibly occur during the course of being treated by radiotherapy. The committee is also in addition to ensuring the safety factors, is endeavouring to rationalise spending.

The department has also set up committees at hospitals to hold inquiries into deaths at hospitals and to evaluate complicated cases of surgery and treatment prescribed to patients. These committees have individually submitted various proposals recommending improvements for the development of the emergency and treatment procedures at the hospitals.

Khalaf pointed out that the department set up a committee to study in depth the various aspects of methods of obtaining blood, storage, transfusion and other related quality control aspects at different sections of the hospitals.

# Economy rebuilding prime target: Khorafi

## Infusion of youth pre-requisite

THERE is absolutely no basis for rumours that the state is planning to reduce the spendings of the first chapter of the state budget by resorting to the dismissal of expatriate public servants, Jassem Al Khorafi, finance minister said and added that dismissals will reflect only on dishonest and inefficient officials at government establishments or at establishments where the government is a majority shareholder.

"We will continue with the ongoing policy of not appointing non-Kuwaitis in the public sector — except in those circumstances which call for highly specialised expertise not adequately found among Kuwaitis," the minister added.

**Contribution**

Regulations, objectives, targets of work and bases of achieving the aims of the characters of the government establishments, companies and authorities have been formulated. These new regulations place the onus of responsibility for maintaining a high-level of job performance and achieving set targets squarely on the shoulders of these officials. These regulations are not to be construed as being

applicable to any particular grade of official or nationality, but will be strictly applied across the spectrum of various officials, Khorafi said.

He added that his work is devoted to rebuilding the Kuwaiti economy and bringing about a stable economic base and in this respect said that to enhance achieving this goal, he had appointed new members to the boards of these establishments. The infusion of young Kuwaiti youth with enhanced training will positively contribute to managing Kuwaiti establishments and government institutions in the future. "This is mandatory and a historical responsibility," Khorafi said. Based on this premise, a large number of Kuwaiti youths have been appointed to various boards of different establishments and authorities, the official added.

However, he clarified that these modalities should not be viewed from a negative aspect in relations to old and experienced officials. These experienced officials will play a decisive and encouraging professional role to these youths who have been nominated by a special committee comprising high-ranking res-

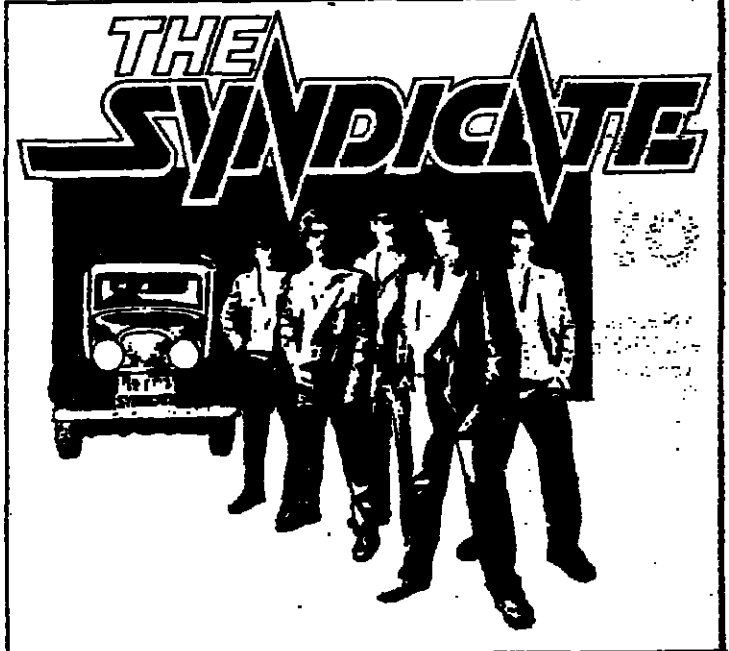
pected personalities at government and other senior levels. Khorafi denied that members of boards are selected according to certain social considerations or influence.

Members are solely appointed based on their academic qualifications and professional capabilities and experience above all their family and social status, he said.

**Circumstances**

Explaining the occasional failures and losses incurred by some government establishments and authorities, the official said that these are not attributed to any inadequacy in the professional expertise of members of the board, but, attributed to a certain set of circumstances such as the continuous world economic crisis, the Manakh crisis and the tension in the area.

The finance minister said that he is working on developing ways and means to bring about positive changes which will hopefully improve the standing of government investment companies, authorities as well as other companies in which the government has a major stake.



## Goa's music kings to perform in Kuwait

SPONSORED by The Weekend Club, The Syndicate, Goa's foremost band will perform live here in Kuwait in a musical show entitled "Footloose '89" at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium on September 15.

Undoubtedly, The Syndicate has retained its ratings with the crowds as is evident from an opinion poll run by "Goa Today", Goa's leading news magazine to assess the popularity of leading bands and individual artists in Goa. The poll conducted in four major towns of Goa among students selected at random, gave The Syndicate a cakewalk over the other groups that monopolise the music scene.

In the individual category for the best male vocalist, The Syndicate's Joe Gomes, beat even the very popular Remo Fernandes who has performed twice in Kuwait. In fact, Gomes won by a wide margin over Remo who finished third in the rankings. The top bassist slot, again went to The Syndicate's diminutive bassist, Diego Fernandes, who has worked with Selwyn Carvalho of "Sky" (now disbanded).

Joe Gomes, Francis D'souza, Diogo Fernandes, Constanco Dimiz and Paul D'souza got together in the early eighties and formed The Syndicate. Nearly a decade and a thousand shows later the band, still maintaining their original line up, decided to enter the recording studio and produce its own cassette. The result: "The Syndicate LIVE" released simultaneously in Goa and London. The band has its fingers crossed and now awaits public response to its maiden release since this would decide future plans for getting into music production on a full time basis and at a commercial level.

The sound track of The Syndicate LIVE is lively and the two Konkani tracks dedicated to Goans all over the world are among the best Konkani songs recorded on tape. The group argues that though most of the music on their soundtrack are cover songs, they all bear that intangible Syndicate touch. The Syndicate have dedicated their release to all its music fans all over Goa and abroad, "this is our way of saying thank you," claims Joe Gomes. According to Francis D'souza lead guitarist of the band who is handling local promotions, their maiden venture is not designed at making any profits. The band's aim, he says, is to promote The Syndicate brand of music all over Goa.

The cassette, he added, is a sort of marker test for better and bigger things The Syndicate plan to do in the near future.

In an informal chat with Melwyn Camara, the reputed Bombay music critic and correspondent for Billboard of USA, Jerry D'souza, on hearing the cassette's first track "Don't Worry, Be Happy" says, music in Goa is in safe hands, The Syndicate's. The Syndicate will be supported by the Top Ranks and Stepping Stones of Kuwait and a number of talented local singers and artists.

## Follow rules at swimming complex, says administrator

THE administrative director of the Swimming Pools Complex, Mohammed Al Anbari said, there are many conditions which swimming patrons must adhere to, like bringing their identification cards to enter the complex. He stressed that such conditions are taken by the complex to ensure safety for swimmers.

He added that the administration prohibits patrons from bringing drinks and food with them to preserve cleanliness in the area. He pointed out that the swimming pools complex has a cafeteria.

**Chemicals**

He urged swimmers to bathe in nylon trunks and avoid wearing cotton trunks which may cause allergic reactions to some swimmers. He also urged swimmers to take a body shower before entering and after getting out of swimming pools. He said that parents are advised not to permit their children into the children swimming pool immediately after taking a meal. Parents are also advised to take their children to rest rooms regularly. He pointed out that swimmers should also comply to life guards and supervision directions.

Mohammed added that the swimming complex charges patrons symbolic fees upon entry. He pointed out that the annual fees for entering the pool complex is KD80 for individuals and KD100 for families not consisting of more than four members. The daily admittance fees are KD5 per person.

Mohammed added that the Swimming Pools Complex is considered one of Kuwait's main recreational areas, it was built to recreate patrons and in order to teach children swimming skills. He pointed out that the complex holds annual training courses for all age groups.

**Precautions**

Another administrator at the pools complex, Mohammed Al Hamdan said that changing water contained in the pools is conducted through an automatic operation. The water passes regularly through filters and returns to the pools. He pointed out that chemicals are added to the water on a regular basis adding that at times pools are closed when water is dirty because of the high number of swimmers.

He advised youths to take extra precaution while swimming close to each other and to avoid reckless water games. He also stressed that swimmers running around the pool area have inadvertently injured themselves.

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## New headquarters for Zakat House

THE director general of the Zakat House Abdul Qadar Al Ojail has said that the house intends to build new headquarters on a site measuring 1,000 metres.

He told a local daily that all aims received by the house are distributed among the needy families and to fund various projects undertaken by the house within Kuwait.

The house also funded projects executed outside Kuwait, which covered the construction of mosques, hospitals, schools, and Islamic centres, as well as digging wells and setting up orphanages.

The problems facing the house included the inadequacy of staff pay commensurate with the work-load and on-the-job performance. A few other problems are also being presently addressed, the official said.

The house has branches in Sudan, Egypt, Pakistan and Bangladesh, and beneficiaries include widows, divorcees, old people, small-income people, patients, prisoners, and needy students.

The house sponsored the offering of food, clothes, and other essential besides undertaking to distribute sacrificial meat.

The Kuwait Finance House co-ordinates with the house to facilitate the payment by people of their due share of alms. These funds are deposited in a special bank account in favour of the house. It is possible from the Islamic view point to distribute alms outside the country if the number of those qualified to receive the alms is small, the official said.

Ojail lauded the support rendered to the House by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

## Organ transplants

### Not many donors

IN the course of a journalistic interview carried out by a delegation from the Keifan Summer Club for Girls with the secretary-general of the Kuwait Transplant Society Fuad Al-Hashem, he said that the society was established in 1984 and the current board of directors consisted of seven members, two of whom are doctors and one the Minister of Public Health.

He added that the society faced no administrative problems, but encounters considerable difficulty in persuading people to donate organs on death or those of their recently dead relatives.

The official said that some were afraid to donate any of their organs, say a kidney to their immediate relative, wrongly believing that this could lead to their death, while others believed it was out of the question to bury a man minus a vital organ.

**Statement**

He said that the society obtained a legal statement from the General Committee for Fiqh Encyclopedia signed on Dec 31, 1979 certifying the legality of taking a vital organ from a deceased person to save the life of another.

The line of practice of the society is purely humanitarian and as such welcomed all donors of any nationality, race, sex, religion. A total of 600 donors have so far written will to donate their parts after death, the official said.

He pointed out that the media was not playing a significant role in urging people to accept the idea of donating organs, and that the society, could not afford the cost of such informational campaign, given the budgetary restraints.

## Administrative studies essential

DR KHALED AL SAAD, dean-in-charge at the Faculty of Commerce, Industry and Political Sciences and assistant dean for students affairs, has told a local daily that the establishment of the College of Administrative Studies is essential to keep pace with international academic trends.

The purpose is to rehabilitate and graduate professionals in the fields of administrative sciences with university degrees and higher studies, in line with international trends in this sphere.

Administrative and science spheres cover financing, marketing, production management, accounting, economics, administrative information system, manpower management, general

administration and other disciplines, the official said.

He added that radical changes will be introduced at the Faculty of Commerce to enable students to have the privilege of restricted chances of selection on a rationalised basis with the aim of overcoming existing problems students encounter in their educational career.

The official said that due to the poor level of certain secondary education graduates in maths and in English, it is a requirement to prepare a preliminary course for enrollees in the faculty to brush up their knowledge in these two disciplines.

He added that there will be a substantial change between the current and future faculty as a result of which students would be

given comprehensive idea on the various administrative sciences so that they could choose to take one or two study courses at the end of their second year of study at the college.

**Development**

Students as such would be better informed in different disciplines and would be given training at certain establishments during the summer season.

Current cadre of professors at the college are actively instrumental in the development of the study syllabus for the new college and studies prepared over the past years leading to the establishment of the new college were done by these veteran professors who will be essential and indispensable at the new college.

**Traffic awareness**

THE Chief of the Traffic Tickets Division at the Jabra Local Traffic Department Captain Mohammad Owaidh has ascribed the drop in traffic transgressions committed in the governorate to fewer vehicles compared to the situation in the capital governorate.

Speaking to a delegation representing Jabra Summer Club for Boys, he said the main reason for traffic accidents in the country was overspeeding and careless driving.



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# Kuwaiti science delegation to visit Oman Aug 21

## Exchange of experience opportunity

A KUWAITI scientific delegation representing 11 scientific establishments in Kuwait will leave on Aug 21 for Oman on a scientific and cultural trip. The trip is jointly organised by the Administrative and Technical Studies Institute and Qaboos University of Oman. The delegation which will spend a week in Oman, will be headed by the Director-

General of the Institute Sheikh Sabah Mohammad Al Sabah. Sheikh Sabah said that representatives from Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, Education Ministry, Higher Education Ministry, Kuwait University, General Authority for Applied Education, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and others will take part in the

trip. Sheikh Sabah said that the objective of the visit is to strengthen and improve cultural and scientific ties between youths in both countries. He said that an Omani delegation will pay a visit to Kuwait in the near future in exchange to this visit. He added that the visit will provide more opportunities for the

Kuwaiti and Omani establishments to exchange experience in scientific aspects. This will be positively reflected on the work of the Kuwaiti establishments.

### Objective

He said that the Kuwaiti delegation will pay visits to colleges, scientific and research centres and establishments

besides attending a number of seminars and lectures. He announced that similar visits will be organised in the near future to a number of European countries. The first such visit will be made to West Germany in order to provide Kuwaiti youth with the opportunity to study experiments of other countries and learn from them.

## Farwaniya hospital

### Attack investigation

THE Ministry of Health is investigating an attack by a public relations employee on the Director of Farwaniya Health Area Dr Sulaiman Al Falah. The attack which took place while the director was officially inspecting the different facilities of the Farwaniya Hospital recently, has been viewed as a serious breach of professional conduct by the Minister of Planning and Acting Minister of Health Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi.

The minister added that this act of misconduct is being gravely viewed by authorities. He further added that the Health Ministry is trying to determine all the facts in the case and if the employee is found guilty, he will face dismissal and legal action.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Amiri cables

KUWAIT, Aug 9, (KUNA): HH the Amir has sent a cable of congratulations to H E Jaime Paz Zamora on the occasion of his election as President of Bolivia.

HH the Amir also sent a similar cable to the President of Singapore on the occasion of his country's national day.

### Premier's cable

KUWAIT, Aug 9, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah today sent a congratulatory cable to Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew on the occasion of his country's national day.

### GCC summit

DUBAI, Aug 9, (KUNA): Secretary-General of the Gulf Co-operation Council Abdullah Bishara today announced that the upcoming GCC summit which will take place in Oman will focus on economic, political and security issues in the light of the new developments in the region and the Arab world.

The summit will also review progress of negotiations with the European Community, a study prepared by the general secretariat on the negotiations and administrative problems hindering the flow of trade between the member states.

### Haj reports

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Haj and Mosque Affairs at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Rahman Al Faris has said that the relevant ministry authorities are currently involved in studying the reports submitted by the Kuwaiti medical staff accompanying the Haj caravan. These reports are in the form of complaints, notes and comments made by Haj pilgrims in connection with the level of services accorded to them by their respective Haj caravan organisers.

He said that the reports received and complaints brought to the ministry's attention were by Haj pilgrims who suffered from insufficient care during their journey for which the organisers of their caravans were responsible, covering food, accommodation, water, lighting, health conditions and other essential comforts.

He pointed out that the ministry's ad-hoc committee on Haj affairs will be convening a meeting within the coming few weeks to decide on the measures to be adopted against alleged transgressions made by the caravan organisers.

He added that penal measures could include revocation of practice licence, suspension of practice for three years or collection of insurance.

### Iraqi envoy

KUWAIT, Aug 9, (KUNA): Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber today received at his office, Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait Asim Yaqoub Yousef.

During the meeting, Sheikh Nawaf and the Iraqi ambassador discussed topics of mutual concern.

Sheikh Nawaf also received the US charge d'affaires who introduced to him the new chief of liaison office.

### Security meet

TUNIS, Aug 9, (KUNA): The Fourth Arab Conference for heads of immigration, passports and nationality departments opened here today to discuss a number of security affairs including airport security.

The three-day conference is to discuss foreigners' residence and security aspects including those pertaining to passports.

Secretary-General of the Arab Interior Ministers Council Dr Akram Nashat affirmed importance of the conference in view of its involvement in fostering Arab co-operation and in uncovering forged passports.

### Marine safety

THE Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharhan has stressed Kuwait's concern for the safety of marine navigation within the country's territorial waters.

He told a local daily that the ministry was the agency responsible for the provision of marine buoys and lights to mark out dangerous zones alongside Kuwaiti territorial waters and outside the boundaries of ports and sea clubs.



Failaka Summer Club function

The Failaka Summer Club held its closing ceremony yesterday in which club members staged a number of lively dances. Much to the pleasure of the audience, Acting Undersecretary at the Ministry of Education Ibrahim Abu Alkhalil and a number of senior officials gave away prizes donated by HH the Amir to outstanding members of the club. Picture shows girl members performing a Spanish dance.

## Arab chambers' study

# Call for establishment of spare parts industry

AN economical study has stressed the importance of establishing a spare parts industry in the Arab world. Such an industry is vital for other industries due to the role it plays in developing manufacturing programmes and enhancing productivity, in addition to the fact that it is considered to be an essential element and an incentive for technological advancement. The study indicated that to begin such an industry it is important to comprehend and fully control the present technological processes and production operations in addition to assembling expertise, sciences and follow-up developments through research and development.

The study conducted by the Arab Chambers Union urged Arab countries to take speedy measures to establish spare parts industries to avoid financial waste and to begin a new era of self efficiency pushing development towards the right track. It called for Arab co-operation and co-ordination towards achieving comprehensive efforts and specialisations and classification in production. It added that this industry is distinguished by having a strong base of qualified labourers, technicians and national expertise.

It pointed out that the Arab world strives for developing and activating the spare parts industry due to the increasing demand of commodities and appliances in the Arab world.

Such an industry will gain momentum in the Arab world if countries were to replace national products in the place of imported ones. Replacement requires an increase in production quantitatively and qualitatively.

The study added that establishing spare parts industries in the Arab world will achieve two main objectives, the first is manufacturing production facilities such as spare parts, appliances and equipment required for current Arab economical activities and second manufacturing locally required commodities and equipment like air-conditioning, communications, and other devices.

The industry will provide citizens cheaper commodities and spare parts. Equipment used for manufacturing spare parts could be obtained through importing required equipment from more advanced countries, organising maintenance repair operations, and building such equipment locally, particularly such parts used constantly.

The study pointed out that the Arab world will not be able to establish an industrial base to produce equipment used in spare parts manufacturing as long as it remains dependent on imports. It indicated that a small number of workshops and repair shops do exist in most Arab countries and manufacture a small number of commodities with the use of low energy and simple technology.

It called for the establishment of specialised projects which have high technology, research centres and designing sections in addition to professional qualifying institutes. The study stressed that manufacturing spare parts represents the adequate way in order to strengthen Arab economy and to lessen its dependency on imports.

It indicated that the Arab world has several projects for the production of agricultural equipment mostly characterised for complete or partial assembly of equipment. It pointed out that the industry of agricultural equipment in the Arab world is still conducted on a small base with basic technology.

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## Contracts soon for approved projects

By Nashat Al Agha

ACTING Director of the Designing Department at the Ministry of Public Works, Engineer Redha Abdullah Redha announced that the department will sign a number of important contracts shortly for implementing approved designed projects. The Designing Department which is one of the essential departments attached to the Construction Projects and Engineering at the ministry specialised in studying, preparing and designing different vital projects for government establishments. The department prepares the required plans through the Architecture Section which is responsible for architectural design, decoration and co-ordination with different government authorities in order to prepare the requirements of each project and to draw estimate costs. He added that the department is keen to indicate the adequate designing basis of each project preserving the fundamental feature of the Kuwaiti environment and Islamic architecture.

### Responsibility

Redha stressed that a number of Kuwaiti engineers are effectively taking part in the department's tasks in conjunction with other Arab and foreign engineers.

The designing department carries complete responsibility over the designs and implementation of different government projects either prepared by the department itself or by other local and international consultant offices. In addition to these duties the department also regularly supervises the maintenance of these projects after completion.

He pointed out that the Ministry of Public Works is endeavouring to open the door for young Kuwaiti engineers to take over the leadership of departments and sections.

The designing department which is one of the important departments at the ministry was included in the new policy. It consists of the Architecture Section, the Contracts and Auditing Section and the Services Design Section which is divided into the sanitary, electricity and air-conditioning divisions.

The new ministry policy is being adopted in accordance with development policies adopted by the ministry during the last period.

### Accomplishments

Regarding the department accomplishments, Redha said that they include a wide range of projects like establishing area centres, health complexes and clinics which are designed to suit health service requirements and Islamic architecture.

He added that schools and technical and educational institutes have the lion's share in the accuracy of designing and implementation to go along with the educational movement in the country and increasing the number of students. The department also completed several other projects such as sport clubs, scientific clubs, the handicapped and blind club, the scientific club, police sections, police academies, national guard projects, and mosques of the Ministry of Awqaf.

He pointed out that a select group of Kuwaiti engineers participated in these projects. He added that the department will sign a number of important projects during the upcoming days for the establishing of musical and theatrical institutes, three kindergartens in Bayan, Ardhiya and Omariya, the Holy Quran Centre Home in Jahra, the National Centre for Computers and Microfilms, a closed social hall at the Handicapped Care Home, a mosque in Sulabiya, a police station in Ahmadi, other kindergartens in Sabah Al Salem, Meshrif and Riga, a temporary building for the Ministry of Interior, and the buildings of the Ministry of Electricity and Water and the Ministry of Public Works at an estimated cost of KD27.5 millions.

Redha pointed out that the designing department is keen to upgrade the quality of project designs.

# Kuwait not regarded proliferation sensitive

## KISR bought one DOE study

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

KUWAIT has bought a study from a US Department of Energy (DOE) weapons laboratory which has broad chemical applications including the reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel from a nuclear power plant or a research reactor.

The study is among the nuclear-related reports with unclassified but controlled information which went to "sensitive" countries that could use it to develop atomic weapons, according to the General Accounting Office (GAO), the watchdog of Congress.

In a report on the flow of nuclear-related data, made public last week, GAO listed Kuwait among the "sensitive" countries. But a DOE official told the Arab Times in a telephone interview that Kuwait is not considered as a proliferation sensitive country.

The official who preferred to remain anonymous, said the GAO list included Kuwait because the Gulf state had not ratified the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

"The treaty is irrelevant to Kuwait as it has no significant nuclear programme" he said.

### Knowledge

The DOE study was acquired by the government-funded Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research some time between January 1987 and April 1988. It is filed under the title of Evidence for Differences in Stability between Nitrate Ester Positions on the Cellulose Nitrate Ring.

The GAO told the Arab Times they had no knowledge of the report's contents.

"We looked at five or six most frequently required reports and this was not one of them" said Mary Ann Krasulsky of GAO's

Resources, Community and Economic Development Division.

The DOE official said the report is a chemistry paper that could be relevant to the reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel. Information on reprocessing is sought by countries with nuclear power plants or research reactors that make medical isotopes, he added.

### Conflict

The GAO report said US government technology and computer codes useful for developing atomic weapons are leaking to foreign countries as a result of conflicting laws, erratic enforcement and some confusion. Iraq, Israel, Pakistan, India, Argentina, South Africa, South Korea, China and other countries were named as buying sensitive nuclear-related data. The issue raises questions about the department of energy's ability to protect national security and meet the US non-proliferation policies, the report said.

"Sensitive" countries were defined as communist-ruled or those suspected of clandestine nuclear weapons programmes. Of these, Iraq, Israel, Pakistan, India, Argentina, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Bulgaria and China were named as buying sensitive nuclear-related data from the US Energy Department through routine orders or subscriptions, along with nine other countries including major allies.

### Weaknesses

"Many experts believe that the United States indirectly assisted India through the liberal publication of unclassified (fuel) reprocessing information," to stage its "explosion of a peaceful nuclear device in 1974," the

report noted.

The GAO cited no concrete example of US information enabling a country to make atomic bombs, but it said it has found that "weaknesses exist... that raise questions about the department of energy's ability to effectively protect national security and meet this country's non-proliferation policies."

### Guidelines

The study said the Energy Department's failure to issue guidelines on unclassified material is "resulting in the release of sensitive information to proliferation-risk countries useful for the design, manufacture or use of nuclear weapons," Glenn said.

Energy Department spokeswoman Janie Shaheen said the department received the report July 27 and planned no comment during the 60 days allowed for review.

The Energy Department faces a dilemma, the GAO said, because under different laws it is expected both to control and disseminate non-classified nuclear information.

## Police file

### Attempted suicide

A YOUNG policeman aged 22-years is alleged to have tried to commit suicide at the Central Jail in Kuwait a few days ago.

According to reliable sources, the policeman was employed at a police station in the Ahmadi Governorate and was sentenced to jail at the beginning of last month for imbibing alcohol and assaulting a passerby.

The jail administration has referred the prisoner to the Psychiatric Hospital for examination.

### Safe cracking bid

THE safe of the Commercial Bank branch in Sabahiya area was broken into last Monday night by a gang of burglars.

According to police sources, the robbers had succeeded in breaking through the gate of the bank and had entered the premises to gain access to the safe. Their strenuous efforts at opening the safe were halted due to their observing a car passing through the main street where the bank is located. The robbers fled without attaining their goal.

Investigations are under progress and no further details have been revealed.

### 3 years, for smuggling

THE Criminal Court sentenced an accused to three years rigorous imprisonment to be followed by deportation and to pay a fine of KD1,000 as customs charges for smuggling 329 bottles of whisky in a

pickup from Iraq. The court was told that the accused entered the country without a valid passport, driving without a licence, and using an unlicensed vehicle with forged number plates.

According to the prosecution, a policeman suspected the movements of the driver of the pickup which was parked at the Mutlaa check-point and went to the police centre to obtain help. On arrival, the officers could not find the pickup and sent out an all-points-bulletin. The pickup was accosted at the 6th Ring Road, but the defendant refused to stop and the police party was compelled to fire warning shots in the air and to deflate the tyres in an effort to bring the culprits to book. However, in the confusion two of the suspects managed to escape.

**Kuwaiti smuggler apprehended**  
A 30-YEAR-OLD Kuwaiti has been apprehended for allegedly smuggling half a kilo of hashish, a pistol and four bullets by customs officials at Salmi border centre.

The accused, according to a responsible source at the Ministry of the Interior arrived from Syria last Sunday and successfully smuggled the contraband through the Syrian, Jordanian and Saudi border checkpoints - but could not deceive customs officials at Kuwait's Salmi border centre. The contraband was hidden by the accused in his private parts, the source said and added that investigations are underway.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

# Baby found in rubbish bin

AN unidentified baby was found alive in a Manama rubbish bin on Monday.

The baby girl, born 30 weeks premature, was presumed to have been abandoned by her mother under unknown circumstances.

A municipality worker discovered the baby dumped in a garbage bag in the Diplomatic area while clearing the previous day's garbage in a lorry. The worker while emptying garbage heard a faint cry coming from one of the bags which had something moving inside.

Shortly afterwards the man alerted the nearest neighbours who called the police. An ambulance arrived at the spot and the infant, still alive, was taken immediately to the Salmiya Medical Centre.

It has been reported by the medical centre that the baby's condition was improving and she is progressing well at Salmiya's special baby care unit. The infant girl will be kept in the hospital for about two months to ensure her return to normal health. She will subsequently be transferred to the Child Care Home at Isa Town.

Meanwhile, a childless Indian couple's request to adopt the baby was rejected by the authorities on grounds that under stipulated law only nationals can adopt children in Bahrain.

Both the nationality of the child and her mother are still unknown and as yet no one has come forward to lay any claim to the infant.

## New health centre

BAHRAIN is to have a new health centre built in Sonad, Isa Town by 1991. The new centre, which is expected to cost BD1 million, is scheduled to commence construction early next year and completed in fifteen months.

According to Director of Health Centres, Khalil Al Muraikhi, the new health centre, which has been approved by the government in principle is aimed to replace the current health centre at Isa Town already serving considerably more patients than its capacity.

The Sonad health centre will boost the number of health centres in Bahrain to 20. It will be designed as an 'A' type centre, but will initially function as a 'B' type until it reaches its full capacity of 30,000 patients.

Meanwhile, the director of health centres, announced that plans are also under way to open the Isa Town Health Centre fill midnight from January 1990. The decision will be made according to the availability of funds, he said.

## Youth camps aid sense of responsibility

THE Acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, and assistant undersecretary for Youth and Sports Affairs, Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui stressed that Kuwaiti youths are able to prove responsible under harsh weather conditions. He added that youth were able to produce and transform the desert into green lands at Youths Work Camps during the past years.

Seyassa interviewed Mazroui at the permanent ground of the work camps in Jahra where he supervised the final rehearsal for the final party of the 39th work camp held under the patronage of Sheikh Nasser Al Ahmad Al Sabah, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour. Mazroui pointed out that the final ceremony was held at the permanent work camps grounds in Jahra Tuesday.

Mazroui added that youths work camps are considered one of the modern activities that brings great benefit to youths during their leisure time. It gives them the opportunity to be productive members of society, he said.

He added that Kuwaiti youth are leading a very comfortable life and this wrongly led to the belief that they will not be able to go through work camp. But he added that Kuwaiti youths proved their ability at different activities, and that official authorities have become more keen towards encouraging and supporting these camps.

He explained that programmes organised at these camps mainly aim at enhancing the nationalist spirit among youth and encourages manual work and the ability to carry responsibility.



Hashish trader arrested

Capital detective men arrested Nasser K, a Kuwaiti citizen for trading in hashish and possessing an unlicensed gun. They found with him five pieces of hashish, an unlicensed gun, two magazines and a number of bullets. The man was referred to authorities for further investigations.

## Central computer

KUWAIT Foundation for the Advancement of Science, KFAS, is preparing to introduce a huge computerised project to serve the whole Arab world. A KFAS official said that the central computerised project will contain a number of bibliography data bases for issues in Arabic language. Director of Maintenance and Engineering at KFAS, Mujib Al Mutawa said that the new premises of the foundation cost KD 6 million and is one of the best buildings in Kuwait for energy conservation. He said that the foundation is aimed at promoting scientific projects in the country. He added that HH the Amir is the chairman of the board of directors and that members of the board are elected by the general assembly every three years. The general assembly of KFAS comprises of all the companies financing the foundation. He said that in Kuwait, 305 private companies donate five per cent of their profits to the establishment every year.



## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

BEWARE the fury of a patient man — John Dryden, English poet (1631-1700).

Kurds demand end to torture  
'Enough is enough'

AFTER what they describe as years of insults, intimidation and torture, the people of this Kurdish village in southeast Turkey finally decided that enough was enough.

The entire population of over 4,000 marched out of their mud and stone settlement in July. For six days and nights, living and sleeping in a nearby field, they pleaded their case with all comers.

"We did it because we were fed up with being treated like an open-air prison while nobody in the world seemed to care," said Suleyman, owner of a small local coal mine.

"We were sick of being insulted by soldiers just because we are Kurds. We want basic respect," said the brother of Ismail Hakkioğlu, the local mukhtar or mayor.

The protest, unique in the regions, highlighted the plight of scores of Kurdish villagers caught in the crossfire of a five-year war between the Turkish Army and rebels of the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK).

Balveren, perched on a mountainside near Sirnak 950 km (600 miles) southeast of Ankara, is one of many villages along the Iraqi border at the heart of fighting that has killed over 1,500 people.

The PKK wants independence for the Kurds, an ancient Indo-European people of 20-30 million split between Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria. But the villagers' voices are more parochial.

Complaints recited in simple smoke rooms over endless glasses of tea range from Army requisition of tractors to brutal raids, militia abuses, widespread torture and even killings.

A senior local official said the security forces "may not be gentle" because many villages gave food and information to rebel bands, and some of their sons had joined the guerrillas.

The fear, economic disruption and continuing Army clearing of outlying villages has depopulated the Kurdish highlands. Local sources said up to one in five people have left.

But Balveren chose to resist. Political motives aside, villagers said their protest was provoked by an apparent total ban on working in their fields and personal quarrels.

Piles of coal all around the village testify to its source of income after a night curfew and bans on movement made animal husbandry and wood-cutting virtually impossible.

The July protest, joined by nearby villages, ended after assurances that they could use nearby fields. But the villagers allege torture and pressure have not stopped.

They are mainly worried about the mukhtar, on the run with four other villagers after police accusations of involvement in a shooting incident in July in which five local men were killed.

Unravelling the truth is now in the hands of a court, but the villagers are disgusted with the way they say security forces investigated the case.

"They put their suspect in an empty metal barrel in the hot sun," said one villager. "No wonder he 'confessed.'" He spouted out the names of anyone who came into his head.

The mukhtar's brother, who declined to give his own first name, alleged that at least 150 villagers had been tortured in recent years. He said his father, the earlier mukhtar, died after torture in June 1985.

Other villagers spoke of being put in cells so small they could only crouch, beating of the feet, being stuffed doubled-over into tyres for days on end and subjected to electric shocks.

Local sources said it was too early to tell whether the Balveren phenomenon was the start of a wider movement. For the moment no further action was planned.

The villagers said they did not want a separate Kurdish state, an aspiration that has provoked suppression of Kurdish areas and assimilation policies since the 1920s.

But officials said local people did not openly choose the separatist PKK because they feared what officials called its terrorist methods, illustrated by the killing of a two-day-old baby with her mother in a raid last month.

The villagers themselves said they were close to a new, loose alliance of Kurdish members of parliament, whose moderate line backing greater Kurdish cultural autonomy is slowly gathering support in the region.

The deputies have grown daring in a new atmosphere caused by Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's unofficial relaxation of taboos and laws banning Kurdish nationalism and the Kurdish language.

Ironically, advances like the arrival of electricity and television in the village three years ago seem to have encouraged the people.

"We saw all these ethnic Turks coming from Bulgaria, heard about how they couldn't speak their own language, couldn't get passports, couldn't give their own names to children and so on," said one villager.

"It's exactly the same here," he said. "We may have tasted a bit of freedom but we want more." (Reuter — Balveren)

## PRESS REVIEW

The Washington Post commented editorially on the hostages situation, saying in part:

"The bazaar is open," says former Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy, commenting on the bargaining now begun in the Middle East. This is the welcome result of Israel's seizure of Sheikh Obeid. The unwelcome result, or so it first seemed, was Hezbollah's announced retaliatory murder of Lieut Col William Higgins, although as time goes by and no body is produced, it becomes increasingly necessary to ask if he was not killed months ago.

There was a logic to Israel's early demand for a quick exchange of the sheikh for its three soldiers taken prisoner in southern Lebanon: Israel and Hezbollah are at war there. But Hezbollah asks not just for the sheikh and Israel's Islamic prisoners taken in Lebanon but also for Israel's Palestinian prisoners taken in the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank, for the 451 of them. (UPI)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1566 — Iconoclastic riots by fanatical Calvinists break out in the Netherlands.
- 1627 — French forces under Cardinal Richelieu begin siege of La Rochelle against Huguenots, which English are unable to relieve.
- 1664 — Truce of Vasvár ends war between Turkey and Holy Roman Empire, whereby rival armies are to withdraw from Transylvania.
- 1741 — Prussia's King Frederick II takes Breslau in Poland.
- 1787 — Turkey declares war on Russia, fearing designs on Georgia.
- 1792 — French monarchy is overthrown as mobs in Paris attack palace of King Louis XVI.
- 1842 — Lord Ashley's Mine Act prevents women and children under 10 years from working underground in Britain.
- 1866 — Bolivia and Chile sign treaty under which territory between Andes and Pacific Ocean is ceded to Chile.
- 1904 — Japan's navy cripples Russian Fleet off Port Arthur.
- 1913 — Peace ending Balkan War is signed in Bucharest.
- 1914 — France declares war on Austria-Hungary at start of World War I.
- 1919 — Anglo-white Russian forces defeat Soviet forces in North Dvina.
- 1945 — Japan offers to surrender in World War II if Emperor will be permitted to keep his throne.
- 1962 — Soviet Union rejects proposed US inspection plan as part of any disarmament agreement.
- 1987 — Police disperse striking mine workers who halted rail and road travel as more than 100 strikes cripple South Korea's industries.

Celebrating 20 years under Khaddafi

## Libya gets a facelift

TRIPOLI'S dirty brown buildings are getting a coat of bright white paint for huge celebrations planned for the 20th anniversary of Col Moammar Khaddafi's revolution.

Western diplomats say Khaddafi is firmly in power as the Sept 1 anniversary approaches. There are more goods in the shops following Khaddafi's decision last year to loosen restrictions on the economy. Tensions have been reduced with the West and fellow Arab states.

Yet Khaddafi's revolution still faces many problems. Behind the busy painters and a network of smooth new roads are grim, run-down apartments on dusty, littered streets.

Oil profits are diminishing, and some oil fields could dry up in 10 years. Diplomats conservatively estimate Libya earns \$5 billion a year and spends \$7-8 billion.

A US trade embargo, recently renewed by President George Bush, is hurting. If Libya doesn't gain access to American spare parts soon, experts say many of the oil plants will have to be replaced entirely.

Khaddafi has opened negotiations with the Americans for the possible return of US oil companies, hinting he is ready to improve relations. American oil companies had the rights to \$3 billion worth of oil concessions in Libya when President Ronald Reagan ordered the embargo.

Diplomats say the military presence in Tripoli appears reduced in recent months and gun-toting troops no longer patrol the airport.

But surface-to-air missile batteries and radar stations still are seen. Anti-aircraft guns just above the now-gleaming white walls of Khaddafi's fortified compound.

The Western diplomats, some citing Palestinian sources, say there are reports that Khaddafi has stopped giving money to terrorists figures such as Abu Nidal, most likely because of their ties to Muslim fundamentalism.

Still, they added there are other unconfirmed reports that guerrilla training bases still operate in the Libyan desert.

The diplomats say there are reports that an alleged chemical weapons plant at Rabta, 60 miles (100 kilometres) southwest of Tripoli, has been dismantled, at least temporarily.

Since there is no open government in Libya, changes are hard to quantify. Requests for interviews with Khaddafi or the heads of Libyan ministries went unanswered. Many of the officials were in Sirte, a coastal city 155 miles (255 kilometres) southeast of Tripoli, where Khaddafi reportedly is building a new capital.

## Violent

Western diplomats say violent unrest in the military around Benghazi in January killed an unknown number of people and injured more than 100. In addition, some Muslim fundamentalists were jailed for demonstrating against Khaddafi in Tripoli that month.

The diplomats estimate Khaddafi's prisons now hold 2,000 to 6,000 people — perhaps more than when he bulldozed prison gates in March 1988, saying he forgave the prisoners regardless of their sentences.

Still, two decades after he seized power from King Idriss, Khaddafi remains solidly in control, say diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity. One West European ambassador said Khaddafi makes sure that other people don't rise to the point where they can challenge him.



Khaddafi: still firmly in power

As Sept 1 approaches, the clean-up continues round the clock. Thousands of workers are repaving Tripoli's old streets and building new ones. A luxury hotel and new office towers rise along the waterfront. Scores of new mosques and apartment buildings are under construction.

Everywhere painters are covering Tripoli's weathered look with white paint trimmed with green, the colour of Islam and of Khaddafi's revolution. Western diplomats estimate the anniversary bash will cost hundreds of millions of dollars.

But the shops and apartments along the narrow alleys of the souk, the main open-air marketplace, and the medina, the old native quarter, are filthy and rat-infested. Trash and garbage is crammed into alcoves beneath stairs and piled high vacant lots.

Some Libyans insist their life has improved during the 20 years of Khaddafi's rule.

"Before the people didn't have houses, there were no schools, no streets. Now people have houses, schools and streets," said one.

"It's true. He (Khaddafi) has spent money, but not enough. And he has wasted so much more," said one American oilman who is defying US laws by

working in Libya. He said he has been coming here since 1968.

Western diplomats said Khaddafi has spent billions on arms, military adventure and prestige projects over the years.

The most obvious changes in the past year or so are in the shops. Khaddafi's socialist policies had forced most to close years ago, leading to shortages and black-market prices. Last year, Khaddafi began to loosen his grip.

## Open

Now about two-thirds of the shops in the souk and central Tripoli are open. The shelves are stocked with household goods, jewellery and cheaply made clothes from Malta, Tunisia, Yugoslavia, Romania and Italy.

Barefoot weavers toil at ancient looms in the medina while other craftsmen etch designs in decorative copper or brass plates.

Private fruit, vegetable and meat stores are open all over the city. But the shelves are still barren in the vast, government-owned people's markets, which are combination department stores and supermarkets. (AP Tripoli)

## Red tape hampers reform

## Rural Filipinos entrenched in 'ancient poverty'

LAND REFORM, designed to be a showpiece of President Corason Aquino's government, is bogged down in corruption, red tape and loopholes. The official responsible for the programme says it must change.

Agrarian Reform Secretary Miriam Defensor Santiago, who got the job when her predecessor resigned amidst a scandal in the programme, calls the current law "a hodge-podge full of inconsistencies."

In June 1988, after nearly a year of congressional debate, Mrs Aquino signed the comprehensive agrarian reform law. It aimed to redistribute land to nearly 4 million peasants and free rural Filipinos from "their ancient poverty."

Land reform was widely hailed as essential to defeat the 20-year-old, rural-based communist insurgency and break the grip on power enjoyed by powerful landlord clans.

Last year, the government distributed 150,000 land titles covering some 103,000 hectares (254,000 acres). The plan calls for redistribution of a wide variety of crop holdings, but most of the titles awarded last year to rice and corn farmers — the same types of crops covered by a land-reform

programme decreed by ousted President Ferdinand Marcos.

Critics claim the new law is so flawed that it stands little chance of being any more successful than the dozen previous attempts at land reform since the 1930s.

"It is a law that pleases neither landlords, who threaten war, nor peasants, who seem to prefer grabbing lands or submitting to dissident agrarian reform," said columnist Adrian Cristobal in the Philippine daily Inquirer.

Dissident reform refers to illegal seizures of land, either by communist rebels or militant farmers.

Under Mrs Aquino's programme, expected to cost \$10 billion, the government will pay landlords for their land. The farmers who benefit must then repay that amount over 30 years at 6 per cent annual interest.

Militant farmer groups claim few can afford that kind of payback schedule. They have proposed that peasants pay half a sack of rice per hectare (2.5 acres) per year for three decades.

## Critics

Most critics also say the law has loopholes that favour landlords, who each can retain five hectares

(12 acres), plus three hectares (seven acres) for each direct heir over age 15.

In addition, the law exempts parks, military camps, agricultural schools, churches, cemeteries and penal colonies, and private land devoted to livestock, fisheries, fruits and vegetables.

The Department of Agrarian Reform admits it is uncertain how much of the 9.7 million hectares (24 million acres) of agricultural land has effectively been removed from the programme by exemptions.

Estates of more than 50 hectares (123 acres) are to remain untouched until 1992. The programme also gives landowners the option of establishing profit-sharing plans for workers in lieu of transferring titles.

Among those who opted for this alternative was Mrs Aquino's family, the Cojuangcos, who established a stock plan for workers on their 5,000-hectare (12,350-acre) sugar-cane estate in Central Luzon.

A review committee, however, suspended implementation of the profit-sharing scheme after critics said Aquino's family grossly undervalued their property.

"If land reform means to set the peasant free from the political and economic domination of the landlord, which is the essence of a genuine agricultural reform programme, then, on the whole, it failed to break land monopoly," said Jaime Tadeo, leader of the leftist Philippines Peasant Movement. "What it gave were just crumbs, a few leftovers."

In an attempt to get more large estates for redistribution before 1992, the government offered landlords the option of selling their property now.

But in several cases, the government paid far more than the land was worth, triggering allegations of corruption.

The most controversial case involved the proposed purchase of 1,889 hectares (4,666 acres) in Camarines Sur province for 62.7 million pesos (\$2.9 million). The sale was blocked when investigators found the land was worth only 3 million pesos (142,857 dollars).

## Scandals

"Those scandals have given more ammunition to those attacking the programme. Those supporting it are now wavering, and the skeptics are slowly joining those who have been opposing it," said Edsel Lagman, chairman of the House of Representatives agrarian reform committee.

The scandal led to the resignation in late June of Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico and suspension of a voluntary sales programme pending a review of the more than 700 sale offers. Juico was replaced by Mrs Santiago, a no-nonsense administrator who had been immigration chairman.

Last week, Mrs Santiago told a House of Representatives committee that the provisions for establishing "just compensation" for landowners were too complicated and that the reform aspects of the programme had been watered down by landlord blocs in congress.

She also noted the government lacks the funds necessary to buy land under the current system.



Kumander Dante (R), who founded the Philippine guerrilla New People's Army 20 years ago, talks with farmers near rice fields at an agricultural cooperative he heads in Tarlac province, north of Manila.

## US blamed

## Soviet Jews shun Israel

FRUSTRATED Israeli officials are watching an overwhelming majority of Jews flooding out of the Soviet Union choose the United States as their promised land.

Anger previously aimed at the Kremlin for not letting its Jewish population leave is now pointed at the United States for attracting them.

"This should be the destination for all Jews," said Gad Ben-Ari, spokesman for the Jewish agency which oversees immigration. "I believe I reflect the mainstream sentiment in Israel."

Although the number of Soviet Jews moving to Israel reached 2,820 in the first half of this year — the highest total since 1980 — about 20,000 went elsewhere. The proportion going to Israel has declined steadily through the years.

Israeli officials realise they have a public relations problem with perceptions of the Jewish state among Soviet Jews, which they blame on decades of negative Soviet propaganda.

But they also blame the United States for making it too easy to go to America.

By US law, Soviet Jews are granted political refugee status that eliminates the long wait faced by normal immigrants.

As soon as they arrive in Austria on a visa allowing their move from the Soviet Union to Israel, they can apply instead for entry to the United States.

Washington's unstinting support of Soviet Jewry used to win praise but now Israeli officials maintain Soviet immigrants are now political refugees but people seeking to improve their standard of living.

"I'm as liberal as they are but there was a great deal of hypocrisy in it," Ben-Ari said of the continuing political refugee status.

The anger is sometimes extreme.

Outside the Jerusalem hotel where officials of the American Jewish Congress had been staying, a man demanding that Soviet Jews move directly to Israel handed out crudely drawn US flags with the 50 stars replaced by 50 swastikas.

Israelis even complain that American Jewish organisations have actively encouraged their Soviet co-religionists to join them in the United States.

## Sympathisers

Robert Lifton, president of the American Jewish Congress, sympathises but throws up his hands. "Everyone wants to go to America — it's a nation of immigrants."

He believes Israeli concerns about the "dropouts" will abate because the emigrants streaming out of the Soviet Union will exceed America's refugee quota. If annual emigration of Soviet Jews reaches 50,000, as many as 20,000 could be forced to choose Israel.

But, Lifton told Reuters during a recent visit to Jerusalem, that the real solution must come from Israel. "You have to come up with a way of enticing them."

Israel has stepped up efforts to polish its image for prospective immigrants, and it emphasises Jewish culture rather than material benefits.

Since Soviet jamming of Voice of Israel broadcasts ended last December, the official radio has become more aggressive in promoting the Jewish state.

"The majority of the people are still ignorant of their roots," said a member of the Israeli public council for Soviet Jewry. She requested anonymity because he visits the Soviet Union to promote emigration to Israel.

The quasi-governmental Jewish agency, which has been aiding immigrants since 1929, hopes to start an official programme this autumn of sending instructors in Jewish culture to the Soviet Union.

"Basically the idea is to strengthen their Jewish identity, this link with Israel," Ben-Ari told Reuters. "Hopefully that will bring more to Israel."

However, promoting spiritual values goes only so far. Israel also has to counter an image of unemployment — now at 9.7 per cent — and a nation where their children may be conscripted to fight a war.

As many as 20,000 visitors from the Soviet Union, talking advantage of the Kremlin's liberation in travel, will visit Israel this year and discover a much higher standard of living than at home.

But Soviet Jews compare Israel with the United States, not Russia. If the promised land is a place to become wealthy, the Jewish state will not win the competition.

"It's a tragic mistake," said Roald Zelenchik, a Soviet Jew who arrived from Leningrad six months ago and is angry most of his friends chose America instead.

"The legend of the land covered with \$100 bills is alive in their hearts." (Reuter — Occupied Jerusalem).

## Quote me

"We are almost helpless. Because we do not know — there is very little we can do. We have no information at all. Then who is responsible?" — Sirimao Bandaranaike said to parliamentary committee about the killings and violence in Sri Lanka.

"I am so happy — I am really relieved — I had been prepared to die — I might write a book about the whole thing." — Lorraine Phyllis Cohen, who escaped from gallows for drug trafficking in Malaysia said.

"We deplore and condemn these attempts by South Africa to lure individual players to break the international sports boycott for monetary gains." — Indian Foreign Ministry said in a statement about the rebel tour.

"More hard choices, more challenges lie ahead but we will meet them as we have this challenge, consulting, co-operation between Congress and the executive branch and we do, we will keep the new federal insurance system solvent." — US President George Bush said.

"Only a comprehensive, complete and clear peace agreement, comprising all legitimate rights and duties of both states, will be able to achieve." — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said.

"She is strong, has a lot of hope, and we will all pray that he is safe. I think it says a lot about Mickey that he was on his sixth humanitarian mission to help feed the hungry in that part of the world." — US President George Bush said about the US Congressman Mickey Leland who disappeared with 13 others two days ago while flying to a refugee camp in Sudan.

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Growing Western demand could save OPEC from slide

## Oil prices face testing few weeks

LONDON, Aug 9. (Agencies): The next two to three weeks could be decisive for world oil prices, energy analysts say.

If crude oil values can survive that period without collapsing under the weight of excess production, stable prices for the rest of the year seem more likely, they said.

Equally, a sudden price drop could trigger a chaotic free-for-all, with producers turning up the taps in a desperate attempt to preserve their share of the market and the price spiralling downwards.

Oil prices have weakened by nearly \$2 a barrel in the last month amid growing evidence of a supply glut.

Kuwait, whose official OPEC quota is 1,093 million bpd, says it has cut output.

"In two or three weeks people won't

want to go short on crude ahead of the September OPEC meeting," said Peter Nicol, oil analyst at Warburg Securities.

"Any downward move must come in the next couple of weeks."

"The closer we get to September, the more the market will calm down," said Jeremy Hudson at US trading house Shearson Lehman Hutton. "If (a collapse) is going to happen, it will happen in the next two weeks."

After that, the analysts say, resilient Western demand for oil could save OPEC from a price slide.

"It comes down to how demand responds," Hudson added. "We think the call on OPEC oil will let them get away with quite a bit of (quota) indiscipline — the final quarter is by no means worrying."

None of the analysts felt that tension over the fate of Western hostages held in Lebanon was a significant factor at present in the oil price equation.

World oil prices rebounded yesterday as traders bought in belief gasoline prices may have hit bottom and in expectation an industry report will show a drop in gasoline supplies.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, unleaded gasoline futures climbed 0.69 cent to 50.44 cents a gallon, after dropping Monday to their lowest price since Feb 23. Its 1989 high closing price was 78.12 cents a gallon April 26.

On the US Gulf Coast, where crude is bought and sold for cash, it was quoted at \$18.10 a barrel, up 20 cents.

"It was a quiet day with a lot of short-covering" — selling of contracts bought

previously in belief prices would go lower — said Peter Beutel of Elders Futures Inc. in New York.

Pete Simonelli of New York's Balfour MacLaine Futures Inc. agreed. "I didn't think (the price of gasoline) would go any lower," Simonelli said.

The analyst said Merc Trading also was influenced by higher prices on foreign markets, which close hours earlier.

West Texas Intermediate, the American benchmark crude, rose 21 cents to \$18.12 a barrel for September delivery, while in Gulf Coast trading it gained 20 cents to \$18.10.

The rally was dubbed by analysts as "a technical correction" to recent price declines.

Nymex heating oil settled 0.12 cent

higher, with September prices hitting 48.56 cents a gallon, while unleaded gasoline ended the day 0.69 cent up at 50.44 cents.

On the European spot market, United Arab Emirates Dubai light, the key crude from the Middle East, jumped 33 cents to \$14.33 a barrel, while Britain's North Sea Brent closed at \$16.48, a gain of 18 cents.

Despite recent reports showing increases in weekly supplies, Beutel said traders believed the weekly report of the American Petroleum Institute late yesterday after the Merc closing would show a drop in gasoline stocks, reflecting a rise in demand.

"People are thinking there might be some good demand here tonight," Beutel said.

## Boom sends shares higher

Dollar firmer

LONDON, Aug 9. (Reuters): European shares rose today driven by a boom on Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average fluctuated close to its all-time high because of takeover speculation.

As trading in London closed, dealers were glued to their screen consoles to see if the Dow would breach its all-time record of 2,722.42 set on August 25, 1987.

By noon in New York, it had seen-sawed to 2698.22, down 0.95 points after some light profit-taking, but dealers said takeover talk was maintaining a basically firm direction.

"Trying to sell in this market is like stepping in front of a freight train," said market analyst Hugh Johnson of First Albany Corp in New York.

The Dow has been edging up all week because of optimism about the strength of the economy and demand for transport stocks after a \$4 billion bid to Beverly Hills businessman Marvin Davis for UAL Inc, parent of United Airlines.

In London, the Financial Times/Stock Exchange 100-share index closed 12.3 up at 2,360.4, not far from its all-time high of 2,443.4 set on July 16, 1987.

But London dealers said the market's short-term direction was unclear because profit-taking might set in which could cause a wave of selling.

The dollar closed firmer today in European trading after retreating from the day's peaks.

Gold prices were mixed in moderate trading.

Dealers said the dollar rally which began after the release of US unemployment figures last Friday appeared to have run out of steam.

The dollar traded as high as 1.9050 West German marks, and closed slightly lower at 1.9000. That compared to 1.8900 marks on Tuesday.

In Tokyo, the dollar fell 0.40 yen to a closing 138.85 yen. Later, in London, it rose to 139.13 yen.

In London, the dollar rose against the British pound. It cost \$1.6170 to buy one pound, cheaper for buyers than \$1.6250 late Tuesday.

Gold traded at a bid price of \$365.75 a troy ounce late today, up from \$365.45 late Tuesday.

## UAE grants Jordan \$70 million

AMMAN, Jordan, Aug 9. (AP): Finance Minister Bassel Jarrah announced today that the United Arab Emirates granted Jordan \$70 million to help tackle economic problems.

Jarrah said that the Emir of Abu Dhabi paid \$40 million while Dubai paid \$30 million more.

"The donation comes in the wake of a visit by Prime Minister Zeid Bin Shaker to the UAE and his financial talks with officials there," Jarrah told the Associated Press in an interview.

Prime Minister Zeid Bin Shaker visited the United Arab Emirates in July. Bin Shaker and Foreign Minister Marwan Kasseb returned home today after an official visit to Kuwait and Qatar for more possible financial aid, a Jordanian official said.

The official, insisting on anonymity, said that Central Bank Governor Mohammed Said Nabulsi visited the United Arab Emirates last week and was due to visit other Gulf states this month for financial discussions.

On Saturday, Saudi Arabia granted Jordan \$200 million in foreign currency for Jordanian banks to help boost foreign exchange reserves.

Jordan built up an \$8.3 billion foreign debt, which King Hussein blamed on shortfall of Arab assistance pledged at a 1978 Arab summit.

Saudi Arabia, Jordan's chief Arab donor, was the only country of seven designated donors to fulfill its promise and pay its share of \$357 million annually for ten years.

The United Arab Emirates then paid \$70 million during the first five years, but fell short to pay the rest of its share totalling \$1.4 billion owing to its financial difficulties.

Other countries, which include Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar, Algeria and Libya, only fulfilled part of their obligation.

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## GDP growth quickens

More optimism injected in UAE economy

ABU DHABI, Aug 9. (KUNA): The Planning Ministry said the year 1988 had witnessed the beginning of a new era in the economy of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) that has reversed the negative performance in the early 1980s.

A report released this week attributed the recovery to a host of domestic, regional and international developments, which it said "has injected more optimism" in the country's economy in the future.

The report coincided with the 23rd anniversary of Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan's accession day as ruler of Abu Dhabi.

Gross domestic product (GDP) with the exception of oil grew by 3.8 per cent in 1988 compared with the 1987 figures, the report said.

"The year 1988 also witnessed a better orientation with several international economic problems, especially those related to foreign debts, trade exchanges, economic and technical assistance, as well as the breakthrough in international relations," it said.

On the regional level, the report cited the ceasefire agreement between Iraq and Iran and better economic co-ordination amongst the Gulf Arab states as reasons for more optimism.

"The UAE economy suffered relatively unstable economic and financial conditions in the years that followed 1982 due to the fluctuations in world oil prices."

"Oil revenues still have the greatest effect on most economic activities in the country," the report pointed out.

Other reasons were the explosive situation in the Middle East and the Gulf region in particular, it said in an apparent reference to the war between Iraq and Iran.

Most major projects had been completed during the early 1980s, and this, the report explained, also affected the economic performance in the country.

"The fluctuation in growth rates of the country's economic activities reached their peak in

1986" following the oil market collapse.

But an agreement by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in December 1986 to stabilise world oil prices at \$18 a barrel by limiting production quickly began to have its positive impact on the national economy.

"The improvement in the oil market came as a logical result for OPEC's initiative to discuss prices and production level and reach the agreement," the report said.

"It is hoped that the agreement will strengthen oil prices, especially that there are other efforts to co-ordinate with producers outside OPEC," it added.

The report referred to the "noticeable" improvement in the performance of key economic sectors, such as real estate which rose by 14.4 per cent to reach nearly DH5.4 billion in 1988, while retail and wholesale trade, tourism and restaurants increased by 6 per cent to reach DH 10.3 billion.

The volume of trade in the real estate sector rose by 14 per cent in 1988 and there has been a 6 per cent increase on domestic consumption plus a rising flow of tourists, especially from neighbouring countries, it said.

In 1988, the agriculture and fisheries sector produced DH1,644 million worth of products, an increase of 4.5 per cent over the 1987 figures. Crude oil earned the country DH29.3 billion, while manufacturing industries produced DH7.8 billion, an increase of 1.3 per cent over 1987 figures.

Transport, storage and communications produced over DH 5 billion, an increase of 6 per cent over 1987 figures, finance and insurance rose by 6.6 per cent to 5 billion, the report said.

According to the statistics, the UAE's GDP in 1988 totalled DH87.5 billion, an increase of 1.3 per cent over 1987.

But the country enjoyed DH14.4 billion in its balance of trade, an increase of 28.3 per cent over 1987 figures, the report added.

## Manila hikes workers salaries

MANILA, Philippines, Aug 9. (AP): Congress today approved a compromise bill increasing salaries for the country's 1.5 million government workers but union leaders rejected the offer and announced plans to continue their protest.

Meanwhile, the government acknowledged consumer prices had marked their biggest increase since President Corason Aquino took office more than three years ago.

Both houses of Congress approved a minimum monthly salary of 3,102 pesos (\$148) for public school teachers and 2,000 pesos (\$95) for other government workers.

The current minimum salary of civil servants is 1,600 pesos (\$76) and public school teachers receive basic pay of 2,000 pesos (\$95). The teachers have been demanding 4,500 pesos (\$214) a month.

Danny Consomido, deputy chairman of a National Organisation of Civil Servants, said his group was dissatisfied with the approved raise and would stage an "indignation rally" tomorrow at the Congress and the Presidential Palace.

"This shows the insensitivity, callousness and subservience of the government to IMF dictates," Consomido said, referring to alleged demands by the International Monetary Fund to cut government spending.

"This is one gain for us, we are able to prove that this government is a puppet," Consomido added.

Earlier, about 1,500 striking public school teachers marched to the Presidential Palace. Staffers of Aquino promised that the president would meet them Friday.

Teachers and government workers have been staging strikes and other protests since June to press their salary demands. Consomido said the teachers' strike had affected public schools nationwide except for parts of northern Luzon.

The education department so far has made no statements on the extent of the teachers' strike.

Aquino has resisted the pay demands, saying the government cannot afford them. Civil service groups have called for reductions in military expenditures and foreign debt service payments to free more money for salaries.

Also today, the National Statistics Office said consumer prices increased by 10.3 per cent last month, surpassing the 9.7 per cent price rise reported in June and the 8.5 per cent registered in July last year.

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## Venezuela faces wary investors

CARACAS, Aug 9. (Reuters): President Carlos Andres Perez, whose government badly needs new foreign capital to help the cash-strained economy out of recession, faces the prospect that wary investors may shun Venezuela as a dollar-buying scandal rocks the country.

Andres Perez took office in February confident his tough economic policies would attract new foreign capital. But the scandal, inherited from the previous administration, could place the cornerstone of that plan in doubt.

"Perez's policies are in trouble if he doesn't get the foreign investment Venezuela needs," said a diplomat who specialises in economic matters.

Investigators are trying to account for up to \$8 billion in missing state funds that passed through the office of differential exchange rate controls (Recaldi), government sources and press reports say. About \$30 billion passed through Recaldi, set up in 1983 to provide cheap dollars to exporters.

Suspects are believed to have bought dollars cheaply from Recaldi and then sold them at a premium on the free market.

Investors may be deterred from risking funds in Venezuela because they have read adverse publicity abroad about the judicial treatment dished out to some foreign executives, diplomats and government sources said.

## Bush signs bailout bill

WASHINGTON, Aug 9. (Reuters): President George Bush signed into law today the largest US government bailout ever, a measure that rescues depositors in failed savings and loan institutions and shores up the ailing "thrifts" industry.

Bush said after signing a 371-page bill that the bailout, which is expected to cost \$166 billion over 30 years, would "safeguard and stabilise America's financial system."

"Moreover, it says to tens of millions of depositors: 'You will not be the victim of others' mistakes. We will guarantee that your insured deposits are secure,'" he said.

The law strengthens regulation of savings and loan institutions, which specialise in home mortgages and are also called thrifts, and raises \$50 billion over three years to pay for closing or selling insolvent thrifts.

It also imposes tough new rules to prevent another crisis such as the one that has bankrupted the government insurance fund for depositors.

Bush proposed the financial rescue plan days after taking office to restore public confidence in the thrift industry, which incurred massive losses in recent years due to fraud, mismanagement and a severe depression in the US southwest.

The industry will pay for part of the bailout, but taxpayers will have to cover more than \$100 billion of the costs over the next three decades.

The cost of the action dwarfs the price of previous US government bailouts of such corporations as aerospace giant Lockheed, the Chrysler car and truck company and Penn Central Railroad.

Congress last week completed action on the plan after an angry debate in which Democrats accused Bush of trying to hide his true cost.

The legislation was adopted after the House of Representatives and Senate agreed on a compromise financing plan which counts part of the costs of the bailout in the federal budget and keeps part out of the budget.

Bush's signature on the measure was expected to lead to swift government moves to shut down failed thrifts and pay off depositors.

Financial experts predicted one immediate effect would be an end to the high rates paid to depositors by some troubled thrifts in Texas to attract funds and keep operating.

## Quit India, Union Carbide told

500, arrested, 25 injured

BHOPAL, India, Aug 9. (AP): Police fired tear gas today to disperse hundreds of stone-throwing demonstrators who were demanding that Union Carbide get out of India.

About 25 people were injured and 500 arrested during the protest outside the Union Carbide Research and Development Centre in Bhopal.

Union Carbide's Indian subsidiary operated the Bhopal pesticide plant, where a gas leak in 1984 killed more than 3,400 people.

Gas victims, opposition politicians and activists had designated today the start of "Union Carbide quit India" week.

Exactly 47 years ago, on Aug 9, 1942, Mohandas

K. Gandhi launched India's campaign for independence from Britain with a "Quit India Day."

The Union Carbide plant in Bhopal has not opened since the gas leak, but the protesters demanded that the US-based multinational shut down its remaining Indian operations. They include a Bombay plant that makes batteries.

Bhopal observed a general strike today called by opposition parties and activists to press demands for more compensation for survivors of the gas leak, the world's deadliest industrial disaster.

Public transportation operated, but shops and businesses were closed.

## Russians strike over Estonian law, one threatens to take power

MOSCOW, Aug 9. (Reuters): Russian workers in Estonia began scattered strikes today in protest at a new election law and one of their leaders said they would be forced to take power if all discriminatory measures were not repealed.

A spokesman for the Estonian Communist Party said ethnic Russian factory workers had stopped work in protest against the law, passed yesterday, which effectively disenfranchises many of them.

He said strikers were demanding suspension of the measure as well as recent law making Estonian rather than Russian the republic's official language.

"The system of discrimination, as reflected in this (election) law, continues," said Yuri Rudyak, a member of the Russian-speaking movement Intervesthenie.

"If measures are not taken to break the system, we will take power, just like the revolution of 1917."

Leaders of Estonia's Russian minority, reached in the Estonian capital of Tallinn, said there was also some disruption to public transport.

The leaders described the new laws as part of a widespread pattern of discrimination in the republic.

Rudyak said the Estonian-dominated government, if not checked, would soon enact laws stripping Russians of citizenship rights in Estonia and barring them from owning property.

Yegeny Kogan, an Estonian deputy to the national Supreme Soviet and vociferous defender of the rights of Russian-speakers, said the laws revealed a secret agenda among Estonians to drive Russians out of the republic.

"We consider this outright discrimination. There will be no stopping them if we don't act," he said.

Strike committees at three large factories in Tallinn passed a resolution denouncing the law and calling for new elections to the republican assembly, a committee member said.

"We have no other choice but to vote for alternative deputies who will protect our rights and those of our children," he told Reuters.

The heightened tensions came just two weeks before mass demonstrations, expected throughout the Baltics, to mark the 50th anniversary of a secret Soviet-Nazi pact that led to the area's incorporation into the Soviet Union.

Last month the national parliament decided to grant limited economic independence to the region, a move the largely Russian industrial work force fears will put it firmly under local control.

The new election law, passed by the Estonian Supreme Soviet yesterday, sets a minimum residency requirement of two years for voters and five years for those standing for local office.

Many of the ethnic Russians are relatively recent arrivals and would be disenfranchised as a result.

The law would apply only to elections — due later this year — to city and district offices. But Estonian journalists have said it was likely to be expanded later to include the republic's Supreme Soviet, or parliament.

The law stipulates that only those who have lived in a district for five years or elsewhere in Estonia for 10 years may stand for local office.

Ethnic Estonians made up around 65 per cent of the republic's 1.5 million people in the 1979 census, the latest available, with ethnic Russians the second largest group, at 28 per cent.

The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia reported from Tallinn today that workers at 15 enterprises in the Estonian capital stopped work in the afternoon.

It said meetings were being held at several factories in the city, and workers were calling for "elections for alternative workers' deputies."

In the aftermath of another nationalist dispute, the weekly Moscow News said a Georgian parliamentary commission had blamed local government officials for the use of troops in crushing a nationalist protest in Tbilisi last April.

The verdict reported by the newspaper indicated the commission had cleared the Kremlin leadership of blame in the April 9 incident, in which 20 people were killed. But it criticised the Soviet Army's role.

## Call to tighten oil embargo

KUWAIT, Aug 9. (KUNA): The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) today urged the world community to tighten oil embargo against South Africa and said Israel deserves similar punishments.

In the editorial of its monthly bulletin, the organisation said: "OAPEC makes no differentiation between the international oil embargo against South Africa and the Arab embargo against Israel, since both regimes are based on discrimination and violation of human rights of the indigenous populations."

In 1977, UN General Assembly passed a resolution, imposing oil embargo against South Africa along with arms and other items on its embargo list to punish the apartheid regime.

The Arab summit conference, convened in Algiers in 1973, adopted a resolution calling for an oil ban on South Africa, while another resolution was passed by the OAPEC ministerial council in 1981 aimed at elevating global efforts to further tighten the embargo, the release recalled.

OAPEC stressed in conclusion: "Indeed the close co-operation between the two regimes in all spheres, including oil and energy matters, makes it imperative for the Arab and international communities to deal with them on equal footing."

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug 9. (Reuters): Shares closed lower after profit-takers took advantage of the market's recent strong run. The All Ordinaries index fell 4.1 to close at 1,695.3.

TOKYO: Financial shares soared, partly on a foreign broker's buy programme targeting financials in the first section, but overall share prices were sluggish until futures-related buying knocked them broadly higher at the close. The Nikkei index gained 99.79 to 34,859.27.

HONG KONG: The Hang Seng index ended an eventful day 19.37 points higher at 2,627.31 after an expected major corporate announcement failed to materialise.

BOMBAY: Prices recovered sharply on heavy buying by state-owned investment trusts.

FRANKFURT: Strong underlying support, based on automotive and other selected blue chips, offset initial profit-taking. The 30-share DAX index rose 5.12 to 1,608.71.

## Wallach convicted

NEW YORK, Aug 9. (AP): E. Robert Wallach, friend and former lawyer of ex-US Attorney General Edwin Meese III, was convicted yesterday of racketeering and fraud charges involving government contracts.

In a split verdict that acquitted him of a second racketeering conspiracy charge, a jury found that Wallach illegally received \$425,000 of the \$525,000 he was accused of taking from Wedtech, the now-defunct defence contractor. The jury found that the money was used to influence Meese and other government officials as part of Wedtech's efforts to gain government business.

Indian rupee	17.980
Sri Lankan rupee	8.370
Pakistani rupee	14.180
Bangladesh taka	9.100
US dollar	226.40
Pound sterling	48220
Deutsche mark	15550
UAE dirham	0.0675
Japanese yen	0.02145



# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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## LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	290.0
ABBEY NAT	144.0	
ADT LTD	202.5	
ALD LYONS	524.0	
AMSTRAD	69.0	
ARGYLL GP	243.0	
ASDA GP	207.5	
BAA	374.0	
BTR	427.0	
BAT INDS	862.0	
BARCLAYS	520.0	
BASS	682.0	
BEAZER	185.0	
BERISFORD	158.0	
BET ORD	313.0	
BICE PLC	51.0	
BLUE ARMY	12.00	
BLUE CIRC	275.0	
BOC GP	521.0	
BOOTS CO	301.0	
BPF INDS	253.0	
BR CONM	192.0	
BR AIRWAY	02.00	
BR AEROSP	715.0	
BR GAS RG	206.0	
BR LAND	386.0	
B.P.	297.0	
BR STEEL	76.75	
BR TELCOM	37.24	
BUNZL	150.0	
BURNHAM OL	636.0	
BURTON	254.0	
CABLESWIR	554.0	
CADBURYS	436.0	
CALOR GRP	422.0	
CRLTN CO	852.0	
CRLTN R.T	850.0	
COOKSONS	375.0	
COURTAULD	368.0	
DALGETY	415.0	
DIXONS	162.0	
ENG CHINA	494.0	
ENTER OIL	595.0	
FERRANTI	181.0	
FERRARIS	85.0	
FISONS	354.0	
GATEWAY	229.0	
GEN ALEC	057.0	
GEN ECCD	280.0	
GLAXO	540.0	
GRANADA	380.0	
GLOBE	199.0	
GLYNED	309.0	
GKN	459.0	
GUINNESS	586.0	
HMERSON A	798.0	
HANSON	239.0	
HANSON WT	57.0	
HARRISON C	168.0	
HUKER ST	751.0	
HILLSDOWN	307.0	

## LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	028.0	029.0
600 GROUP	132.0	132.0
A.AMER TS	493.0	493.0
A.S.ELECT	382.0	382.0
A.S.W.HLD	272.0	273.0
AAB KENT	132.0	132.0
AAN HLD	409.0	409.0
AARONSON	91.0	91.0
ADDISON	414.0	404.0
ADVEST	210.0	210.0
ALEX WRKW	222.0	223.0
ALEXON	400.0	400.0
ALLD COLL	169.0	169.0
ALLD IR B	179.0	179.0
ALLD LDM	151.0	151.0
ALLD PART	76.4	77.0
ALLD TEXT	382.0	381.0
ALLIANCE	163.0	167.0
AMBER DAY	69.0	69.4
AMEC	468.0	470.0
AMER TST	166.4	166.4
AMERSHAM	450.0	451.0
AM HTHC	427.0	427.0
ANGLIA SA	164.0	165.0
ANGLIA TV	308.0	307.0
ANSBACHER	76.0	76.0
APPLEYARD	164.0	164.0
APV PLC	150.0	150.0
ASHLEY LA	98.0	97.0
ATTWOODS	494.0	493.0
AUTO REED	408.0	405.0
AUTO SEC	270.0	269.0
AVESCO	151.0	153.0
AVIS EUR	580.0	582.0
AVON RUBB	564.0	563.0
B.VENHILL	102.0	103.0
BAILL JAW	577.0	576.0
BAILL SHI	101.0	101.0
BANK (W)	233.0	233.0
BAIRD IRE	250.0	249.0
BANKER IT	97.4	97.0
BARDON GP	201.0	201.0
BARRY DEV	180.4	180.0
BAYNES C	36.0	37.0
BBA GROUP	210.0	210.0
BEAR BRND	13.2	13.2
BEATTIE J	146.0	146.0
BELHAVEN	54.4	55.0
BELLWAY	203.0	202.0
BENROSE	245.0	245.0
BENLOX HD	62.0	62.0
BERKELEY	197.0	195.0
BHH GROUP	145.0	145.0
BK OF SCO	108.0	108.0
BLK LE	5.2	9.4
BM GROUP	535.0	538.0
BNK IR W	249.0	247.0
BNWTT +F	97.0	98.0
BODDINGTON	180.0	180.0
BOYD SHOP	418.0	418.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1972.0	1962.3	1962.3	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	12.77	12.77	12.77	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1194.55	1194.55	1191.07	926.59
FT GOV SEC	87.34	87.34	86.87	87.30
FT GOLD M	198.20	198.20	202.40	161.9
FT MINES F	712.13	712.13	707.88	565.31
FT OIL	2188.2	2188.2	2197.3	1978.9
FT MLD DLR	154.93	153.79	153.05	141.17
FT MLD STG	141.26	141.84	140.50	115.30
FT MLD LOC	145.55	145.11	144.26	129.77

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS EXTEND GAINS AS WALL STREET RISES

LONDON, AUG 9, REUTER - SHARE PRICES EXTENDED INITIAL GAINS HERE THIS AFTERNOON AFTER WALL STREET MOVED HIGHER IN EARLY BUSINESS ON TAKEOVER SPECULATION.

DEALERS SAID THE U.K. MARKET'S IMMEDIATE DIRECTION WAS UNCERTAIN. HOWEVER, ONE TRADER SAID, "THERE WAS TALK THAT 2,350 WAS A RESISTANCE POINT AND THAT WAS NO PROBLEM FOR THE MARKET. I THINK THE NEXT RESISTANCE LEVEL WILL BE 2,400."

ANOTHER TRADER, "2,400 WAS A LEVEL WHICH PEOPLE WERE PREDICTING WOULD HIT BY THE YEAR END. NOW IT LOOKS AS IF WE MAY GET THERE A FEW MONTHS EARLY."

AT 1501 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 14.2 POINTS UP AT 2,362.3.

PHARMACEUTICAL STOCKS WERE FIRM ON AMERICAN BUYING. DEALERS SAID THAT AS WORRIES ABOUT A RECESSION IN THE U.S. RECEDE, INVESTORS ARE SWITCHING OUT OF CONSUMER STOCKS AND INTO OVERLY DEPRESSED CYCLICAL ISSUES, THOSE WHICH GENERALLY SUFFER THE MOST IN AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN.

THEY ADDED THAT THIS DEMAND MAY BE SPILLING OVER INTO THE MAJOR U.K. INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES.

ICI GAINED 30P TO 1,308 AND GLAXO 16P TO 1,546.

GKN WAS 13P HIGHER AT 458 AFTER EARLY REPORTING SIX MONTH PRE-TAX PROFIT OF 110.1 MLN STG AFTER 84.0 MLN IN 1988, ABOVE MOST MARKET FORECASTS.

## Precious Metals

LONDON, AUG 9, REUTER - GOLD BULLION EDGED OFF AN EARLIER SEVEN-WEEK LOW TO CLOSE UNCHANGED AT 365.25/365.75 DLR.

DEALERS SAID INTEREST IN THE METAL REMAINED SUBDUED, WITH A SLIGHT STRENGTHENING IN THE DOLLAR PROMPTING THE MODEST DECLINE TO THE DAY'S LOW OF 363.75/364.25 DLR. SUPPORT CONTINUES TO EMERGE AROUND THE 364 DLR LEVEL. GOLD HAD AN AFTERNOON FIX OF 364.60 DLR AND A MORNING SETTING OF 365.15 DLR.

PLATINUM CLOSED AT 482/484 DLR AN OUNCE, UP FROM A PREVIOUS CLOSE OF 481/482 DLR AFTER DRIFTING DOWN FROM A MORNING FIX OF 484 DLR TO AN AFTERNOON SETTING OF 481.50 DLR. SILVER ENDED FOUR CENTS UP AT 516/518 CENTS AFTER A MIDDAY FIX OF 515.90.

## London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 9, REUTER - MONEY MARKET RATES ENDED VERY NEAR LAST NIGHT'S CLOSING VALUES IN A FEATURELESS MARKET, WITH NO U.K. INDICATORS OUT TODAY OR IN THE REST OF THE WEEK TO STIMULATE TRADE, DEALERS SAID.

THE ONE YEAR INTERBANK RATE DID EASE 1/8 POINT TO 13-1/4 3/16 PCT BUT DEALERS SAID THE MOVE RESULTED FROM ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF BUSINESS.

"THERE WAS A BIT OF CHEAP MONEY AROUND FOR THE ONE YEAR, AND IN A MARKET WHERE A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE ON HOLIDAY AND THERE'S NOT MUCH GOING ON, A LITTLE BIT OF TRADE CAN MOVE RATES MORE THAN IT MIGHT DO NORMALLY," ONE DEALER SAID.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPEN
1.6177/87	1.9000/10	6.4210/30	NOON	
STG 1.6197/207	3.067/081	3.0720/55	10.3870/4015	NOON
DMK 1.8930/9010	2.6455/6487	86.05/15	25.45/48	NOON
FFR 6.409/421	3.4670	112.755	33.35	NOON
SFR 1.6330/6340				NOON
HFL 2.1385				NOON
ECU				NOON
SDR 1.27406	0.784713	24.1702	8.17883	NOON
YEN 139.08/18	225.31/63			NOON
SDR RATE	08/08/1989	OTHERS	09/08/1989	

BOOKER	463.0	464.0
BOOTH HENR	513.0	513.0
BOUSTED	63.0	63.0
BR ARROW	127.0	128.0
BR ASSETS	86.2	87.0
BR DREDG	171.0	171.0
BR VITA	297.0	296.0
BRENT CHE	161.0	161.0
BRENT UKR	385.0	384.0
BRIDON	204.0	205.0
BRITAIN SE	187.0	188.0
BRITANNIC	468.0	468.0
BRIXTON E	233.0	232.0
BRN & JAC	44.0	44.4
BROWN SHI	350.0	350.0
BRYANT GP	103.4	103.0
BSG INTL	79.4	79.4
BUDGENS	119.0	118.0
BULLOUGH	147.0	147.0
BULMER HP	180.0	180.0
CAIRO GRP	576.0	575.0
CALENDONIA	390.0	391.0
CAMB ELEC	216.0	216.0
CANFOR E	286.0	287.0
CANNING W	285.0	284.0
CANNON ST	230.0	230.0
CAP RADIO	870.0	871.0
CARADON	346.0	346.0
CARLO EN	140.0	140.0
CATTLE HD	72.0	73.0
CAULDON	12.0	12.0
CENTL TV	813.0	813.0
CHAM PHRR	209.0	210.0
CHARTERHA	23.6	23.4
CHLORIDE	38.4	38.0
CHRISTIES	315.0	315.0
CI GROUP	50.0	51.0
CLAYFORD	305.0	305.0
CNTRL SEC	57.0	57.0
CNTRY OIL	148.0	148.0
COALITE	475.0	477.0
COLLORLL	143.0	143.0
CONNELLS	20.0	20.0
COOPER F	168.0	168.0
COSTAIN	325.0	325.0
COURTES FR	196.0	195.0
COJIE (T)	133.0	133.0
CRH	224.0	225.0
CRODA INT	241.0	241.0
CRYSTALAT	93.0	93.0
CTRY PROP	227.0	228.0
DARES EST	33.4	33.6
DAVIS GMD	179.0	180.0
DAVEY CORP	273.0	273.0
DANSON GP	134.0	134.0
DELTA GRP	355.0	356.0
DEVENISH	334.0	332.0
DEWHIRST	41.4	42.0
DIPLOMA	204.0	204.0
DORSON PK	102.0	101.4
DOWPERS GR	385.0	385.0
DOWLINGEN	77.0	77.0
DOVITY GRP	277.0	278.0
DRAYTON FE	455.0	455.0
DRAYTON C	570.0	571.0
DRG	553.0	551.0
DUKEMISTR	71.4	72.0
DUNDEE LD	324.0	324.0
DUNHILL	386.0	385.0
EAGLE TST	17.4	18.0
EDIN I.T	214.4	214.4
EDMOND HD	38.4	38.4
ELECTRA	318.0	319.0
ELECTROCOM	210.0	211.0
EMAP	265.0	266.0
EMESS	127.0	126.0
EMPIRE ST	182.0	181.0
ENG INTL J	306.0	306.0
ETAN	214.0	215.0
EURO.HOME	198.0	197.0
EURTHERL	337.0	337.0
EURTHERL	884.0	885.0
EURTHERL	69.4	69.0
EVODE GRP	176.0	176.0
EX.CO.LOU	269.0	269.0
EXPANET	226.0	227.0
F&C ENTER	36.0	36.0
F&C EYROT	359.0	358.0
F&C PACIF	202.0	202.0
F&C SMLR	90.4	91.0
FARNELL E	155.0	157.0
FED.HOUSH	150.0	150.0
FENNER JH	179.0	179.0
FENNERSON	280.0	280.0
FINE ARTS	281.0	280.0
FLNG TECH	202.0	203.0
FRODHOLO	282.0	283.0
FRODHOLO	540.0	539.0
GALLIFORD	55.4	56.0
GARDNER	305.0	305.0
GET INTL	153.0	153.0
GERBOMAT	264.0	265.0
GETSTNER	274.0	274.0
GOODE DUR	133.0	134.0
GPG	33.0	33.0
GRANPH HD	219.0	220.0
GREEN KNG	529.0	530.0
GREENLL W	347.0	347.0
GREYCOAT	532.0	532.0
GRIMP TV	69.0	68.0
GT PRTIND	344.0	345.0
GUINNESS MA	146.0	146.0
GVS ORD	600.0	600.0
GUTT ORIE	410.0	412.0
GVT STRA	302.0	303.0
H'LAND DIS	240.0	240.0
HALLMA	275.0	274.0
HAMMERSON	849.0	850.0
HAUTHN LE	66.4	66.4
HAUTWIND	269.0	270.0
HEATH/CE	455.0	454.0
HELENE PL	32.0	32.4
HELICAL B	347.0	347.0

## Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	342.30	337.30	335.70	259.3
AUSTRIA	363.20	356.90	354.10	287.9
BELGIUM	465.80	465.80	466.10	445.3
CANADA	436.90	433.00	433.00	386.8
DENMARK	749.30	759.20	763.20	602.3
FRANCE	524.10	520.40	523.20	464.4
GERMANY	252.00	248.90	249.00	206.7
HONG KONG	1945.6	1910.3	1922.3	1644.3
FINLAND	122.30	123.10	124.40	108.1
ITALY	546.60	547.00	543.30	471.2
JAPAN	1553.6	1549.1	1546.5	1483.6
HOLLAND	335.70	334.80	333.10	296.8
NEW ZEAL	110.30	107.00	105.50	90.3
NORWAY	765.50	768.50	768.70	751.0
SPAIN	284.90	282.80	282.10	245.1
SWEDEN	1461.9	1447.2	1455.1	1247.1
SWITZER	232.80	230.50	228.40	186.7
U K	709.40	706.90	702.80	632.9
U S A	321.50	321.70	316.70	270.9
WORLD	547.40	543.70	542.00	503.4
E A F E	998.80	988.60	991.50	959.2

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	43/4	43/5
ATLANTIC R	102/6	103/1
AAR CORP	33/2	33/2
ABBOTT LAB	63/5	63/7
ACME CLVLD	11/5	11/6
ADV NICO	8/5	8/5







## Bid to curb inflation, balance budget

## China tightens grip on economy

BEIJING, Aug. 9. (AP): Tight controls on state spending and trade are needed to repair damage to the economy caused by years of deficit spending, an official commentary said today.

China's cumulative state deficits for 1979-89 totalled 57 billion yuan (\$15.24 billion), more than twice the cumulative deficit in the preceding 29 years, the newspaper Economic Daily said.

Such a deficit is "seriously damaging public finances and causing major imbalances in the economy," it said. "Economic stability has been affected by uncontrolled lending, ballooning invest-

ment and spending and excessively rapid growth in the money supply — all the results of deficit spending."

To counter these problems, the government has announced it is strengthening a year-old economic austerity programme.

It is imposing stricter controls over foreign exchange, imports and state spending to help slash the national deficit, estimated at 7.8 billion yuan (\$2 billion) last year, and to conserve badly needed foreign exchange.

The measures are in part a reaction to the economic fallout from China's

military crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations in June.

The bloodshed in Beijing sent foreign businessmen fleeing the country, shattered China's tourism industry and resulted in a halt to some loans by major Western industrial nations, cutting off another source of foreign exchange.

The problems came as China already was facing a decline in hard currency earnings due to domestic shortages of key export commodities, including oil, grain and cotton.

Wang Deyan, president of the Bank of China, which regulates use of foreign

exchange, told a national banking conference last week that foreign-exchange credits would be restricted for the rest of the year to ensure China's international payments in the face of a hard currency shortage.

Loans would go only to export-oriented businesses and high-priority sectors involving foreign investment, he said.

In the past 10 years, China has obtained \$33.1 billion in foreign loans and another \$12.1 billion in direct foreign investment. Its debt burden would rise substantially in the next few years as those loans become due for

repayment.

The government has banned imports of 20 types of electronic equipment and appliances, limited trade credits and sought to curb excessive borrowing by firms using foreign loans.

Foreign trade companies have complained they are receiving only 30 per cent of the export and import credits they need, the Economic Daily reported recently.

Domestic credit controls also are being imposed to help curb inflation, which is now hovering around 25 per cent. It was 36 per cent last year.



Corazon Aquino

## Pay demands resisted

## Consumer prices jump

MANILA, Philippines, Aug. 9. (AP): Consumer prices jumped last month to their highest level since President Corazon Aquino took office, the government reported today.

The National Statistics Office said consumer prices increased by 10.3 per cent last month, surpassing the 9.7 per cent price rise reported in June and the 8.5 per cent registered during July of last year.

July's figures marked the sharpest monthly increase since Aquino took office in February 1986 following the popular uprising that toppled Ferdinand Marcos.

The announcement came one day after leaders of striking public school teachers and government employees rejected a compromise for increasing salaries.

A joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives proposed a minimum monthly salary of 3,102 pesos (\$148) for teachers and 2,000 pesos (\$95) for other government workers.

That fell short of demands for an increase in teachers' base monthly salaries from 2,000 pesos (\$95) to 4,500 pesos (\$214).

They want basic monthly salaries for other government employees raised from 1,400 pesos (\$66.70) to 2,800 pesos (\$133).

In a statement yesterday, union leaders said the congressional plan was "a political deception and betrayal of civil servants."

House Speaker Ramon Mitra said afterward that he would block any further legislative action on the salary bill "until we find a reasonable solution that should satisfy the teachers and other government employees."

Aquino has resisted the pay demands because she says the government cannot afford them.

Civil service groups have called for reductions in military expenditures and foreign debt service payments to free more money for salaries.

The government defines poverty as a monthly family income of 3,500 pesos (\$185). Philippine wages are among the lowest in non-communist Southeast Asia.

## Goldsmith brings in money for UK bid

## Financier with golden touch

LONDON, Aug. 9. (Reuters): Sir James Goldsmith, a financier with a golden touch, has drawn support ranging from European aristocrats to high-flying industrialists to assist in his bid for British tobacco-based conglomerate BAT Industries PLC.

The £134 billion (\$217.7 billion) offer, if successful, would be the second largest in the world after a \$25-billion takeover of US food and tobacco giant RJR Nabisco Inc last year by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co.

Goldsmith's list of backers provides an interesting insight into the world of high finance. Their investment companies are based as far afield as the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Luxembourg and Liechtenstein.

Leading the bid for BAT with the Anglo-French entrepreneur are Australian businessman Kerry Packer and British banker Jacob Rothschild.

The three men pledged £750 million (\$1.21 billion) between them to help buy the tobacco, insurance, retail and paper group. The rest will be raised in a complex deal involving debt, equity and personal wealth which was masterminded by Goldsmith and his friends and associates.

The Duke of Beaufort, educated at Eton and formerly with Britain's elite Coldstream Guards, put up some of his inherited wealth. Goldsmith was also educated at the smart English school.

Former US Treasury Secretary William Simon, now head of an American investment group, is helping fund the bid, which is facing resistance from US insurance regulators.

For the bid to go ahead, insurance regulators in nine US states must approve the sale of BAT's Los Angeles-based Farmers Group Insurance unit. Goldsmith said yesterday that it was the main stumbling block to the success of the bid.

Simon, who headed the US Treasury during the Gerald Ford administration, said his interest in the deal sprang from a chair with Goldsmith at this summer's Wimbledon tennis championships in suburban London.

Italy's Giovanni Agnelli is also involved. The charismatic, white-haired chief of the Fiat motor empire is a symbol of elegance, wealth and power.

Son of a princess and married to another, he is one of the country's most influential personalities, courted by industrialists, politicians and top society figures.

Baron Philippe Lambert, a Swiss-based banker, and Barbara Flick, a West German millionaire, have also put up cash.

Many of the investors are personal friends or colleagues of Goldsmith and Rothschild who have invested alongside them before and live in the same world of money and power.

Corporate investors in Hoylake Investments Ltd, Goldsmith's bid vehicle, include Britain's General Electric Co PLC.

Goldsmith, known as an off Wall Street's most astute corporate raiders, plans to sell off BAT's non-core industries to focus on tobacco. He says this streamlining would make the company more profitable.

In addition to farmers, which BAT bought last year after a long legal wrangle, the British group's interests in the United States include upmarket department stores Saks Fifth Avenue in New York and Marshall Field in Chicago.

In fact Frederick Field, another Hoylake investor, sold Marshall Field to BAT in 1982 for \$368 million.



Shari Zeid Bin Shaker

## Jordan seeks Gulf support

ABU DHABI, Aug. 9. (Reuters): Jordan has asked Arab Gulf states to make deposits in its Central Bank to help boost its hard currency reserves, the bank's governor said today.

"The Central Bank has asked central banks in the Arab Gulf states to make cash deposits to boost its reserves," Mohammed Said Al Nabulsi, the governor of Jordan's Central Bank said.

He told reporters in Abu Dhabi the Gulf states promised to help Jordan's debt-ridden economy.

He refused to comment on reports that Saudi Arabia has deposited \$1 billion in its bank but said Riyadh had extended \$200 million in aid to Jordan.

"Like other Gulf states, Saudi Arabia has supported our request for deposits and promised to help our economy," he said.

Jordanian officials said this week they hoped Gulf countries would provide aid over the next four years to help Jordan carry out an economic reform plan agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) early this year.

A senior Jordanian official said yesterday the United Arab Emirates (UAE) had given the kingdom \$70 million in aid.

Prime Minister Shari Zeid Bin Shaker discussed aid in Kuwait before he flew to neighbouring Qatar today.

Nabulsi said Deputy Prime Minister Taher Al Masri visited the Soviet Union recently as part of negotiations with communist creditors to reschedule Jordan's debts, but did not elaborate.

He said Jordan, whose debts are estimated at nearly \$8 billion, has reached agreement to reschedule its debt to governments and monetary institutions this year and in 1990.

"Concerning debts to commercial banks we will soon enter negotiations in this respect within the framework of the London Club," Nabulsi said. He ruled out plans to seek debt write-off.

KUWAIT, Aug. 9. (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were little moved in quiet trading despite today's issue of 150 million dinars (\$510 million) in 91-day treasury bills.

"People were busy quoting but I don't think they did much business," said one dealer.

One month eased 1/8 point on the bid side from Tuesday to 8-1/2 eight per cent. Three months was quoted at 8-3/4 1/4.

Today's treasury bills yielded an average of 8.09 per cent, up from the previous week's 8.01.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29561/71 from 0.29601/11 on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates market was back to tracking Eurodollar rates today with no new factors to affect trading, dealers said.

## Saudi banks' profits jump in first half '89

## Cost-cutting drive now bearing fruit

KUWAIT, Aug. 9. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's 12 commercial banks are riding a wave of high interest rates to register their strongest performance for five years.

Their profits, once among the world's highest, were hit early in the 1980s by plunging government oil revenues, low international interest rates and an intractable debt problem that forced them to write off many of their private-sector loans.

Several banks in the last few years reported their first losses ever.

But while oil revenues remain in a trough, bankers said they were no longer falling either, and a concerned cost-cutting drive and weeding out of bad loans is now bearing fruit.

"The banks are really coming back into the virtuous circle," said a Riyadh-based banker.

High interest rates have been a windfall.

Because of strictures against interest in Islam, many religious customers in Saudi Arabia put their money in current accounts. Bankers say up to 45 or 50 per cent of their funds come interest-free.

But the banks then lend their funds on for interest in the inter-bank market.

One banker said one-month riyal interest rates, which closely track those of the dollar, averaged around 9.6 per cent in the first six months of the year,

compared to around eight per cent for the same period in 1988.

The country's largest joint venture bank, Saudi American Bank (SAMB), owned 40 per cent by Citibank, said net profit for the first half of calendar 1989 had risen 54 per cent to 186.9 million riyals (\$50 million).

Al Bank Al Saudi Al Fransi (BSF), owned 40 per cent by Banque Indosuez, reported a 32 per cent profit rise to 60.8 million riyals (\$16 million).

United Saudi Commercial Bank (USCB) turned a 1.4 million riyal (\$400,000) loss into a 40.6 million riyal (\$11 million) profit.

Albank Al Saudi Al Hollandi, 40 per cent owned by Bank Algemeen Nederland, said profits went up 30 per cent and Saudi Investment Bank multiplied its profits by three.

Two of the weakest of Saudi Arabia's 12 banks have yet to report their results, while a third, the privately-owned National Commercial Bank (NCB), is not required to.

Saudi Cairo Bank, owned 20 per cent by Egypt's Banque du Caire, recorded a 110 million riyal (\$29 million) loss in 1988, its second in a row, despite a continuing injection of free government deposits.

Saudi Cairo continues to suffer from loan problems and a major case of embezzlement by top management early in the

decade. Last year the government's public investment fund bailed it out with an infusion of new capital taking 50 per cent ownership.

Bank Al Jazira also reported a 31 million riyal loss in 1988.

NCB, the country's largest in terms of assets, declared a zero net profit for both 1987 and 1988 after setting aside nearly a billion riyals in provisions for each year.

The kingdom's newest bank, the former money changer Al Rajhi Banking and Investment Corporation, announced a staggering 548.2 million riyal (\$150 million) profit on assets of 16.44 billion (\$4.4 billion). But because 1989 will be its first full year of operation there were no comparisons from last year.

Bankers said that after years of putting huge amounts of funds into provisions, most banks by now had adequately covered nonperforming loans.

But in spite of new government attempts to put teeth into the enforcement of claims against

debtors, bankers said there was still little confidence in the court system.

The legal uncertainty and a stagnant economy meant there would be little new local lending in the near future, the bankers said.

Interest, banned under Saudi Arabia's Islamic law, cannot be enforced in the courts. But bankers say they have had problems collecting even the principal on their overdue loans.

The government in 1987 set up a special tribunal to hear cases involving banks, but when the banks got favourable judgements they often could not get the Interior Ministry to enforce them, bankers said.

In late June the Saudi cabinet passed a resolution that for the first time would allow restraining orders forbidding a debtor from selling his assets before a judgement was passed in court.

But details are still sketchy, and bankers said enforcement was likely to remain a problem.

First half 1989 (first-half 1988) 3.75 riyals = one dollar

Net profit (m) Provisions (m) Assets (m)

Riyadh Bank 191.1 (68.0) 116.3 (34.7) 42.44 (39.51)

SAMB 186.9 (121.3) 54.0 (71.0) 23.11 (20.88)

BSF 60.8 (46.2) 30.0 (35.9) 19.70 (15.66)

Arab National Bank 159.0 (115.8) 38.2 (41.9) 14.76 (13.25)

Saudi British Bank 68.5 (27.1) 11.28 (10.15)

SAIB 16.8 (5.4) 20.0 (20.0) 3.76 (4.07)

USCB 40.6 (-1.4) 15.0 (16.4) 4.67 (4.66)

Alhollandi 43.0 (33.0) 40.0 (25.0) 10.37 (10.58)

## \$3b package deal

## Korea may takeover Iran project

TOKYO, Aug. 9. (Reuters): South Korea looks set to take over if Japan trading giant Mitsui and Company Limited withdraws from a stalled multi-billion dollar petrochemical project in Iran.

Mitsui has said it wants to call the Iran-Japan Petrochemical Company (IJPC) joint project null and void and doesn't care if Iran finds a new partner after it quits.

Iran has asked South Korea to help reactivate the project at the Gulf port Bandar Khomeini.

South Korean Energy Minister Lee Bong-Suh has said Seoul and Tehran were likely to reach agreement on a \$3 billion package deal, which includes oil tanker construction.

"The total sum of projects under negotiation between Seoul

and Tehran would amount to \$3 billion," Lee told reporters recently.

"There is a high possibility ... we will try to materialise these issues in ministerial talks in Tehran this year."

Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Agazadeh said during a visit to Seoul in July that South Korea had "a very good chance" to participate in the project were Japan to withdraw.

Work on the project was halted when the site was pounded by Iraqi air raids during the Gulf war. Talks between Iran and Mitsui on resuming work have been deadlocked since May.

"We decline to comment on whether it would be feasible technologically and economically for South Korean firms to take over

from us and resume work on the war-damaged complex," a Mitsui spokesman said today.

A group of Japanese firms, led by Mitsui and Iran's National Petrochemical Company (NPC) have invested a total of 600 billion yen (\$4.3 billion) in the project.

Tehran wants to complete the project the Japanese say it is no longer economical.

Good news for Mitsui is that Tehran has shown a softer stance towards an early settlement of the pending project, particularly since Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, seen as a pragmatist, assumed the presidency this month.

Mitsui has said it wants a "friendly separation" with Iran, while Iran has suspended a decision on the project.

## Two yen traders plead guilty

CHICAGO, Aug. 9. (Reuters): Two brothers who traded futures contracts on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) became the first casualties of a federal investigation of Chicago's commodity markets yesterday when they pleaded guilty to charges levelled against them last week.

Brian Sledz, 29, and James Sledz, 24, who worked in the Japanese yen futures pit, each pleaded guilty to one count of fraud and one count of violating the commodity exchange act, the clerk for US district judge George Marovich said.

The brothers, who have been co-operating with an investigation of the CME, face maximum prison terms of five years on each count and fines of \$250,000. But under the plea agreement, the judge could put the two on probation at his discretion.

The Sledz brothers were among 46 traders indicted last week in the first round of charges resulting from the two-and-a-half-year investigation of alleged trading abuses at the CME and the Chicago Board of Trade.

More indictments are expected, particularly as prosecutors gain the co-operation of those who pleaded guilty.

## Toyota regains No.1 position

TOKYO, Aug. 9. (UPI): Buoyed by brisk domestic car sales, Japan's top automaker Toyota Motor Corp. regained the No.1 position among major corporate earners in fiscal 1988 ended last March 31, a private credit research company said today.

Teikoku Data Bank Ltd. said declared earnings by the Nagoya-based automobile manufacturer totalled 577.6 billion yen (\$4.126 billion), up 35.1 per cent over the preceding year.

Toyota's domestic sales of motor vehicles jumped 13.7 per cent over a year ago to 2,035,000 units.

Nomura Securities Co. ranked second for the second straight year with earnings of 428.8 billion yen (\$3.063 billion), followed by Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. with 423 billion yen (\$3.02 billion) for third place, Teikoku said.

Earnings by NTT, which ranked first last year, declined 17.2 per cent due largely to a cut in telephone charges, the company said. NTT, former domestic telecommunication monopoly, also faced competition from three newcomers on the market.

## Inflation on the wane

## Economists raise doubts

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 9. (Reuters): Argentina's Peronist government believes it broke hyperinflation in its first month in office but economists find faults in its programme and warn that stiffer measures must be taken before lasting stability can be achieved.

Private and official surveys show that high inflation subsided in the last two weeks of July, after prices nearly doubled during the first half of the month.

"Prices rose by only two or three per cent in the past six days, but it is still too early to say if this is a short-lived respite or lasting stability," leading economic analyst Miguel Broda said today.

July's 196.6 per cent inflation easily surpassed the previous one-month record of June's 114.5 per cent, but the government was confident it had reversed the trend.

"I think we are doing quite well, considering the state in which we received the government," President Carlos Menem told reporters at government house.

The Peronist Party assumed office a month ago after Menem's predecessor, Raul Alfonsin, was forced to resign five months before the scheduled date in the face of Argentina's worst-ever economic crisis.

Inflation was 1,472 per cent in the last six months of the Radical Party's reign and workers' salaries lost two-thirds of their purchasing power during that period.

## Indonesia gearing up for strong economic growth in 1990s

JAKARTA, Aug. 9. (Agencies): Indonesia's economy is undergoing a rapid recovery, fuelled by strong growth in non-oil exports and private investment over the past two years, according to a report released here.

The report, released by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, stresses that to achieve targeted growth, non-oil exports will have to expand in real terms by around 10 per cent over the next three years and by seven per cent in the rest of the decade.

To meet external targets, the current account deficit will have to be reduced to and maintained at around one per cent of gross national product (GNP) by 1995, which means reducing dependence on oil, increasing efficiency in the non-oil sector, encouraging private sector investment and lowering the cost of public services.

However, the bank warns that major challenges remain for the country in the

next decade, listing three requirements that would need to be accomplished.

Firstly, it points out that much of the country's workforce is currently engaged in low-productivity work, while graduate unemployment in the urban areas remained high. Around 2.3 million young workers are expected to enter the labour market each year over the period.

Maintaining acceptable levels of employment while raising earnings, will need sustained growth in the non-oil sector by some six per cent annually.

Secondly, government action must be taken to ensure that the development process does not by-pass the underprivileged sections of society while, thirdly, efforts must be directed towards protecting the environment and ensuring that rapid growth does not affect sustained long-term development.

One week after the US-Indonesia copyright agreement went into effect a

number of shops still continued selling pirated copies of computer software, the newspaper Kompas said today.

Although buyers cannot find those pirated copies of software on display at the stores, the unauthorised copies are being sold under the counter, the daily said.

Consumers are able to buy pirated copies of software such as "Lotus" and "Word Star" under the counter at the central Jakarta computer store.

The copyright protection agreement between the United States and Indonesia went into effect Aug 1, 1989.

Books, videotapes and other creative works are also covered by the March 22 copyright agreement between Washington and Jakarta. Under the pact, Indonesia provides US creators with the same protection it gives its own.

But the copyright agreement would be very difficult to implement, especially for computer software, since the copying of

software is very easy, a computer research said.

"It is impossible for us to take a firm action, in a market situation of tight competition. Traders have to provide a good service and make customers satisfied," said a shop owner as quoted by the Kompas.

Afraid of losing their customers, a number of shopowners have restored to sell those pirated computer software copies.

Original software packages are sold in Indonesia between \$200 and \$1,000, depending on the programme, while an unauthorised copy of a "Lotus" software can be bought at \$150.

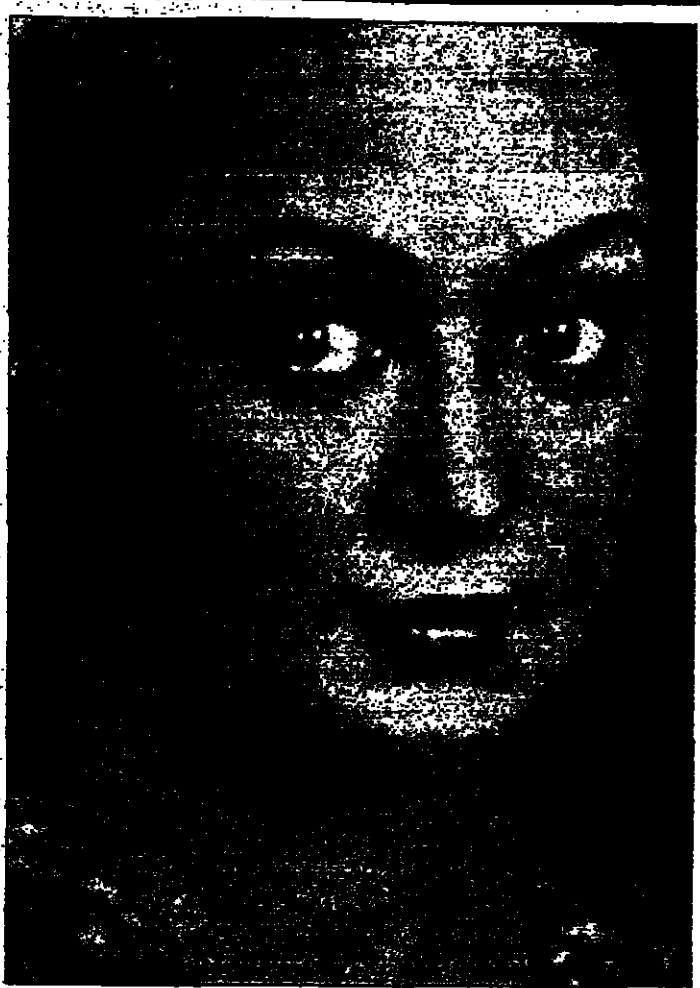
"Although the trade in unauthorised copies has been banned, it is impossible to wipe out the pirate copies sellers as long as the price of original version is still so expensive," said another seller and confirmed by many other store owners.



## KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety  
9.30 Cartoons  
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Mahlan Ayoha Al Omr: daily Arabic serial (Part 6)  
11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety  
11.15 Nasseb: local serial (Part 2)  
12.00 Sabah Al Khair News  
12.05 Al Hesa: foreign sports programme  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 The World Today via Satellite  
1.30 Sport Billy: cartoon serial  
2.00 Variety  
2.15 Al Mehrath Wa Elboor: Arabic serial (Part 5)  
3.15 Mawqif Wa Khotab: religious programme  
3.35 Bullfight cartoon serial  
4.00 Al Herman: local feature (Part One), starring Hayat Al Fahad, Ghanem Al Saleh, Meesad Awwad, Saad Hossain  
6.30 Night Chemists, Airlines and official announcements  
7.00 Egypt: documentary programme  
7.30 Cultural film  
8.00 Popular variety  
8.30 Maa Al Islam: religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Khaled Mathkour  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Al Mutassiliqoon: daily Arabic serial (Part 6)

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



Hema Malini on KTV1 Hindi film 'Dream Girl' at 4 pm on Friday.

10.45 Arbab Sawqbiq: Arabic feature film, starring Sameer Ghanem, Dalal Abdul Aziz, Osama Abbas, and Naema Al Sagheer  
12.15 Variety  
1.15 News Summary, and Closedown  
FRIDAY  
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons

10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Variety  
10.45 Al Abadeeth Al Mawdooa: religious programme, presented by Sheikh Salah Abu Ismael  
11.15 Friday prayers  
12.20 Alwan: variety programme, prepared by Mohammed Al Fares presented by Fatma Abdul Wahab  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 The World News via Satellite  
1.30 Friday Break: variety programme, prepared and presented by The Varieties department  
4.00 Dream Girl: Indian feature movie, starring Ashok Kumar, Dharmendra, Hema Malini  
6.30 Night Chemists, Airlines and official announcements  
7.00 Kuwait in a Week: documentary programme  
7.30 KTV programmes in a week  
8.00 Variety  
8.15 Cultural film  
8.45 Hadeeth Al Osboor: religious programme, presented by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.00 Wrestling  
10.30 Kalema: variety programme with guest artist Noor Al Sherief  
12.00 News Summary  
12.05 The World Today via Satellite  
12.30 Holy Quran and Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 The Real Ghostbusters: cartoon series  
6.30 Take Hart: a new educational series for children  
7.00 The Industrious Bees: a look at bee-keeping training schools  
7.30 T and T: "Black and White" Jones becomes a problem for Mr Turner and Ms Taler  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Beauty and the Beast: Starring: Linda Hamilton, Ron Perlman  
9.30 Paul Daniel's Magic Show  
10.30 Thursday's feature film: "No Man's Land" (1984). Starring: Stella Stevens, Sam Jones, Donna Dixon. Western farce starring Stevens as a sheriff, who, along with her three beautiful daughters, nabs desperadoes. Duration: 104 minutes  
12.00 News Summary: Magazine D'Actualite: Holy Quran/Closedown  
FRIDAY  
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 Silver Hawk: cartoon serial  
6.30 Inter Bang: Gianni and Bruno receive another message, along with a miniature of the Tower of Pisa  
7.00 Walt Disney Movie:



A scene from Real Ghostbusters on KTV2 at 6.10 pm today.

"Justin Morgan had a horse." Mr Squire wants to take Morgan's horse.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Summer '89  
9.00 Around the World: a look at current events in various fields  
9.15 Miami Vice: "Heart of Night." The vice squad are involved in a kidnapping case. Starring: Don Johnson  
10.00 Open All Hours: the grocer finds a new way of winning customers: he hires an attractive young girl. Comedy.  
10.30 Moonlighting: "Shirts and Skins." David and Maddie are at odds over a case. A woman shoots a man during a meeting. Maddie believes she is innocent; Dave thinks she is at fault. Starring: Cybil Shepherd, Bruce Willis  
11.30 News Summary: Magazine D'Actualite: Holy Quran/Closedown



Sameer Ghanem in 'Arbab Sawqbiq', Arabic feature film on KTV1 at 10.45 pm today.

## TDC chief backs HK products

HONG KONG Trade Development Council Executive Director, Jack So, said Hong Kong products are highly competitive in European markets in terms of quality, reliability and innovation, and that this was evident from the European consumer's positive response to Hong Kong exports in recent years.

So was commenting on a Time Magazine survey, which alleged Hong Kong products are not given top rating in Europe.

The TDC chief said that the

locally manufactured products.

"The value of our domestic exports to the EEC, for example, increased by 53 per cent in the years 1986-1988. They grew 47 per cent to West Germany, 56 per cent to the UK and 55 per cent to France in the same period."

"These figures indicate a growing confidence in the quality and reliability of Hong Kong goods on the part of European importers," he said.

"A further reflection of this increased appreciation of our goods is the enthusiasm of leading prestige European stores in holding Hong Kong products promotions."

"In recent years we've held highly successful store promotions with such names as Harrods of London and Hertie of West Germany. In fact, we receive a constant stream of requests for such promotions from top department stores throughout Europe."

"We will be holding our first store promotion in Scandinavia, with Ahlens to Stockholm this September, and another with Hertie in Munich the same month, as well as an event with top Paris store Galeries Lafayette early in 1990."

"Of course, there is always work to be done in changing outdated perceptions overseas about our products."

## CINEMA

Al Andalus  
Red Scorpion  
Al Sahmya  
Revenge of the Nerds II  
Drive-In  
Arabic film  
Al Hamra  
Ultimate Force  
Firdous  
Meri Zaban  
Fahsheel Open Air  
Shriman Shrimati  
Al Fahsheel  
Amar Sansar  
Al Jahra  
Arabic film  
Granada  
Black Fire  
Al Sahabkhat  
Puravrutnam

Al Jleeb  
Som Mabghal Shani  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Arabic film  
FRIDAY  
Al Jahra  
Devils Three  
Granada  
Bijlaan  
Al Sahabkhat  
The Annihilators  
Al Jleeb  
Sache Ka Bol Bala

## PRAYERS

Fajr 3.47 am  
Zuhr 11.54  
Asr 3.29 pm  
Maghreb 6.33  
Isha 7.57  
FRIDAY  
Fajr 3.48 am  
Friday prayer 11.53  
Asr 3.29 pm  
Maghreb 6.32  
Isha 7.56

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Ojail Pharmacy  
Al Mubarakia, Palestine Street, property of Adnan Abdul Aziz  
Loula Pharmacy  
Ahmad Al Jabr Street, near Dasman Complex  
Hawalli and Nugra  
Al Naser Pharmacy  
Hawalli, Tunis Street, property of Al Tokhaim  
Salmiya and Rumaythiya  
Al Qods Pharmacy  
Extension of Amman Street, Abdul Kareem Al Mezzal Building  
Fahsheel and Ahmadi  
Al Ahmadi Pharmacy

Al Ahmadi, Ahmadi Central Market  
New Kheitan  
Al Tasamoh Pharmacy  
Ebin Seeren Street, property of Dalal Muthal  
Jahra  
Al Najah Pharmacy  
The Fourth Area, Plot No. 48, Bader Al Somait Company  
FRIDAY  
Kuwait  
Al Hajri Pharmacy  
Al Hilali Street, Al Hajri Building  
Al Tharban Pharmacy  
Bibi Al Salem Complex, Shop No. 2

Hawalli and Nugra  
Al Saada Pharmacy  
Nugra, Al Ohman Street, near Al Barrak Mosque  
Salmiya and Rumaythiya  
Heba Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak Street, property of Fahad Abdul Rasheed  
Fahsheel and Ahmadi  
Al Badiya Pharmacy  
Fahsheel, Al Daboos Street, Mohammed Jasem Al Daboos Building  
Old Kheitan  
Al Ahram Pharmacy  
Plot 2, property of Sulaiman Al Rhamani  
Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Al Mafafi Street, Abdul Aziz Al Nasrallah Building

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.  
**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.  
**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.  
**Sala House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts: rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

## SOCIAL

**Kapilku contest**  
AUGUST 25: Kapilku will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang - Tel: 483447.  
**Konkani drama**  
AUG 11: A Konkani drama entitled "Baiti Ani Bazaar", directed by Pascoal Rodrigues will be held at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaites at 10 am and 4 pm. Gate passes are available at Raja Stores and Alex Martins Shop.  
**Colva Nite**  
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ball Room of Ramada Al Salem Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact tele: 2413884/2434776/562914/14310913 after 5 pm.  
**Star Nite**  
DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.3/- from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Others KD.4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tele. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

**Fit for Life**  
LADIES' Keep Fit classes at La Palma Fitness Centre at the Kuwait International on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Free use of the pool after each session plus free use of the sauna on Tuesdays. Also judo, karate and taekwondo classes. Individual coaching for tennis and swimming available. Garden poolside barbeque every Friday afternoon. Recreation facilities include bowling, snooker and health club with sauna, steam bath and plunge pool. Telephone Paul or Vivienne at: 2530000/8050.

**Kalpak exhibition**  
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian Embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.  
**Independents hall**  
AUGUST 17: At the Mesilla Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

**KALPAK's exhibition**  
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art & Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (KALPAK) will hold an exhibition of Indian Arts & Handicrafts at the Indian Embassy Hall from 3 pm to 8 pm.  
**Breeze '89**  
OCT 26: Tivim Centre's - Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casmiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.  
**Fiesta Filipiniana**  
UNDER the auspices of the Philippine embassy here in Kuwait, the Filipino Cultural Club, under the competent leadership of Buddy Patungan, proudly announces to its clamouring fans the comeback of "Fiesta Filipiniana '89" with the original cast at its original venue - where else, but at the spacious elegantly-lit Al Jahra Ballroom of the Meridian Hotel. Play day is set on Friday

Sept 8, 1989, 4 to 7 pm. Participants are kindly requested to submit their Civil ID Card photocopies to Tolis Matig-A, the club's director on social and cultural affairs. Rehearsals commence on Friday, Aug 11, 1989. There will be a general meeting also for all his working committee on this said date.

For more particulars, contact: Marie - 4317256, Tolis - 2417766. For ticket reservations, contact: Florence - 2436121 or 2439451.

## FILMS

**At the British Council**  
ANGEL, 6.30 pm on Saturday, Aug 12 and Sunday Aug 13, having been witness to the bombing of a dance hall and the killing of innocent people, Danny begins his personal quest for vengeance. This tough thriller was written and directed by Neil Jordan. No entrance fee, but you are advised to reserve seats, 2515512/2533204/2533227.

## HOTELS

**At the SAS hotel**  
AL GHAZER: SAS hotel's very own handicrafted dhow. Available for half day or whole day trip along the Gulf coastline. Food, beverages and fishing tackle provided on board. For booking, call 5657000 ext 416.  
**AL BOOM:** Dine on charcoal grilled foods and finish off with delectable coffee. Open for dinner daily, lunch every Thursday and Friday and for reservation call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.  
**PEACOCK ROOM:** Chinese specialties served in a very cozy atmosphere. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.  
**EEDAM:** Wide varieties of delectable home-made goodies, freshly baked items to choose from. Eedam daily specials also available.  
**CLOCK:** Only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait. Serves wide selections of fast food including our very own specialties.  
**SOCIAL**  
**At the Hotel Pullman**  
At the Elysees Restaurant: Everyday, authentic French cuisine at the Pullman Hotel, Kuwait.  
At the Salalah coffee shop: International and Arabic cuisine with live music nightly.

**At the Holiday Inn**  
MELON week up to August 12: Come and enjoy mouth-watering selection of the sweetest sun ripened melons to quench the summer heat.  
**At the Coffee Shop:** A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD.500 per pax and half price for children.  
**At Andalus:** Thursday, Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.  
**Family brunch:** Friday, a wholesome day for the children. Bring along your kid and enjoy entertainment from Walt Disney cartoon characters and magic by the great magician. Prizes and surprises awaits each kid. Price - KD.500 for adults, and half per kid.  
**At the swimming pool:** From 8.30 pm have a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbecue, music, games, prizes and surprises await each one. Bring family and friends and savour our delicious Sharazad barbecue, at KD.500 per pax and KD.2.750 per child.  
**At Ramada Al Salam hotel**  
SEAFOOD FESTIVAL: Every evening up to Aug 10 at the Ramada's El Bender coffee shop, enjoy the sumptuous sea food buffet where you can taste the biggest selection of Ramada's jumbo shrimps, fresh mixed fish, Atlantic main lobsters and today's fisherman's catch in any way you like to make your mouth water. From 7 pm until midnight.  
**At the Kuwait International**  
LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.  
**Falaka:** Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext. 8012.  
**Garden Pool:** Relax and enjoy our poolside barbeque event every Friday afternoon.  
**La Patisserie:** Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

## Saakshi — a review

ON Thursday, August 3 at 7.40 pm, the purple curtain of Indian Arts Circle auditorium, Funaites, moved sideways to stage one of the most celebrated Malayalam social play "Saakshi" (witness). The organisers, Sargavedi, cultural wing of Kuwait, Kerala Cultural Congress, deserve applause for the selection of this play, as the theme is all timer, enjoyed by all class and categories. Three characters who topped the performance were Appappan (Emmanuel), Jaimeese (Jesukutty) and Sicilyamma (Shirly John).

The character Appappan was safe and sound in the well balanced movements, actions and dialogue delivery of Emmanuel. In Jesukutty, the Kuwait Malayalee stage could see an entirely different, neo-conventional comedian - Jaimeese. Shirly John as the young, charming Sicilyamma was fully immersed with the character.

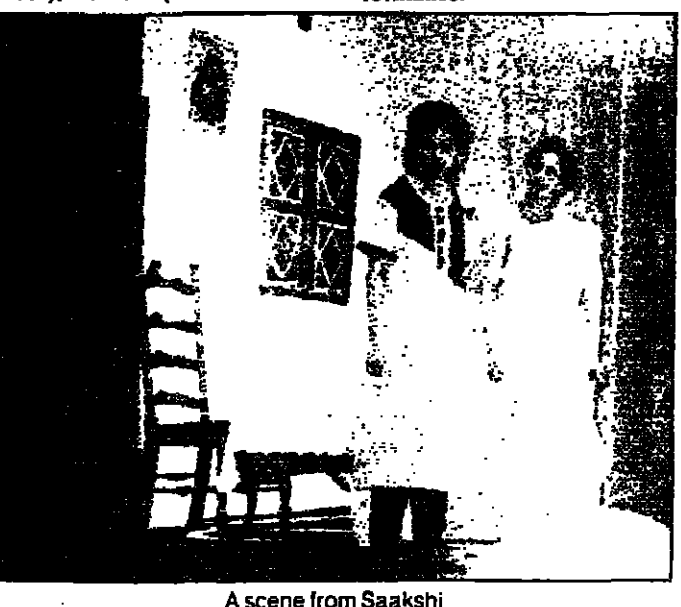
The matchless performance of hers in the third and last scenes was really laudable.

Rationalist Issac (Baby Thomas), Father Syrac (C.C. Jose), Jeevan (Ninan Than-

galathil), Thresiamma (Shirly John), Sr. Paulin (Mary Sebastian) and Rosilly Teacher (Annamma Kurian) did justice to their respective roles in the play.

Lyrics by Rajendra Babu were well in tune with the theme of the play and the music by Viswala, mainly based on Carnatic Ragas, enriched the emotions of the scenes. Unn-Krishnan and Lakshi Vijayakumar were the lead singers. Antony Joseph, Joshi, Lal and Mohan did a good job with their effect music in many a occasions.

In general, the play was indeed a feast to the fully packed disciplined audience who were anxiously awaiting the next scene to start. The presence of a talented director was revealed in many emotional and dramatic scenes. Lighting was of above average and the sound could have been made rich if the auditorium was echo-proof. As a whole, the play, written by Verghese Paul, co-directed by Shirly John and directed by Jayan Pattathu did enjoy the gathering within the limited boundaries of stage performance.



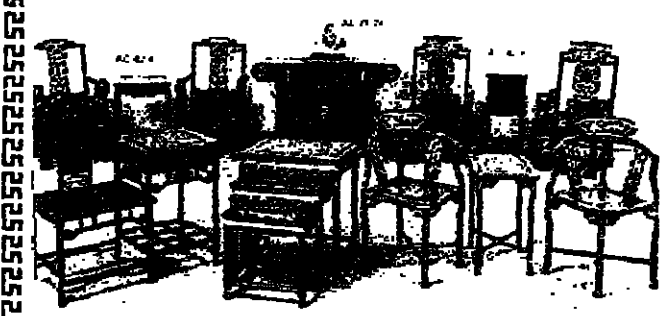
A scene from Saakshi

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## Life in the dangerous lane

## The hero behind the star

By Firoze Raungoonwalla

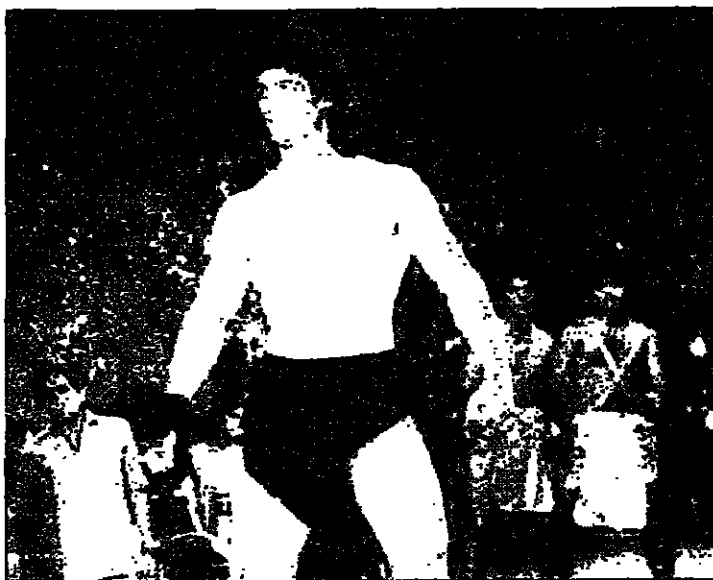
There are some in the film industry who live luxuriously and others dangerously. In the latter category come those bold men who do all the dirty work of fights and stunts, which the handsome, highly-paid stars cannot manage. They are the heroes behind the heroes and if for them, the stars would not be such supermen.

In almost every film there are scenes of terrible fights, escapes, chases and accidents. Sometimes the script calls for a big fire in which the characters are trapped and the hero rescues them. Then there are the stunts on horseback, motor bikes, motor cars, trains, boats and helicopters. Someone comes and breaks a bottle on another's head. Some crash through a huge glass pane. Some are tied behind jeeps or wagons to be pulled over long distances.

If the real stars did all that, then they would get hurt, spoil their appearance, hold up the shootings and upset the industry's financial balance. So a separate department functions under the aegis of Movie Stunt Artists Association, which supplies the required fight masters, fighters and the all important doubles. If the real hero earns an average of six to sixteen lakhs per film, his duplicate earns about six thousand at 600 rupees per day, presuming he gets ten day's work. Other stuntmen get half of that.

There are many such people at work, mostly grouped in the camp of one fight composer or other. This way they act in a more compact and safe way rather than with strangers. One is Manek Irani who looks as tall as Amitabh but frightening in close-ups when he shows teeth and all. No wonder he doubles for the tall hero and also does other stunts, appearing often as the "dada" of a gang, a shim or a liquor den. Another Irani died a few years back doing a helicopter stunt over the sea. The producer paid his family next to nothing and stars also did not help. Yet another man died in a wrongly-timed explosion.

Manjit Singh, too, has doubled for many heroes. He was once in the army but left it to seek work in Bombay's film industry. He could not become an actor, so he took to this. He says his relations with heroes are purely professional. Jabbar Khan almost looks a hero but directors did not like his speech or acting. Jai Singh is another tough guy, who has done impossible feats. Abdul Rashid, Taj Mohd., Ranjit are others who are popular with the industry. The latest addition is an Anglo-Indian called Gavin Packard.



Gavin Packard: a relative newcomer to the stunt industry

But they have to keep their identity hidden. They can risk their necks in films but not their photos or names appearing in magazines. They say that the stars would soon take offence at the stuntmen taking the credit and making the heroes look like cowards. They also cannot insist on insurance. Private companies refuse to cover such risks. Indian producers never pay extra unless forced by law. Only the Association ensures some compensation for injury or death.

Fight composers (former stuntmen) get all the cream without doing the acts themselves. Among the current popular crop there are Mansoor, Veeru Devgun, Ram Shetty and Pappu Verma. The last-named has even turned producer-director with help of friendly stars. Formerly there were the simple devoted fight masters like Azim Bhai, Gani, the baldy Shetty etc. The fighters aspire to be composers some day but they can't ask for elementary safety, like crash pads for high jumps or softer material than fake glass for breaking.

The female of the species has an even shorter career. One is Lubnan who duplicates for top heroines, when they play dacoits or join the fight stuff. She has good tuning with them but they snub her if she tries to show them the stunt for close-ups. She is a trained muscle-girl who is in the job for money, knowing its risks. Another, ironically named Nutan, entered for financial reasons and soon learnt all the ropes. She is very popular and fearless. But danger lurks behind every corner in the life of these brave men and women.

## Behind the Screen

Chunky is these days wearing newspaper printed clothes. He says it is fashionable. But reads the print carefully and you are sure to find articles and photo features on himself.

however but music composers. They are bagging big camps, including Nasir Husain and Aamir Khan.

In the strangely titled video item "Don 2", Hassan Jahangir's songs are freely used. They are pictured on new actor Jeet. They even held a grand party to celebrate the event and invited Jahangir, too. Nobody whispered a word about copyright.

Shashi Kapoor might lead to an Indo-Soviet media cold war, if stories about his clashes with the Russian co-director of *Ajooba* are true. It's said that the Soviet chap was bossing too much and an Indian friend was lazing a lot. Anyway we hope it won't affect the completion of the film or the good relations between the two countries.

Where Sulakshana Pandit and her sister Vijayeta failed to make their mark on film, their brothers Manohar and Jaun are succeeding. Not as actors,

## Star slips

**Mumtaz:** I spend a lot of time on beauty treatment, health clubs, sauna baths etc. If you become fat and flabby you can't expect your husband to be faithful to you. **Neelam:** I will keep wearing jeans and dresses, even after I get married and have five children. **Suresh Oberoi:** Foreigners give awards only to films like *Salaam Bombay* showing poverty and filth of India. In our own films we are not allowed to use any bad

words. But in *Salaam* you hear heaps of abuses. Even the censors get starry-eyed and pass it all, because the unit comes from abroad. **Juhi Chawla:** I speak the Queen's English probably better than the Queen does. **Danny:** I don't identify with my roles, at all. I use my imagination to do them. **Taboo:** Farha is basically a good-hearted kid. Her thinking is very childish.

## Shattering illusions

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

THE much talked-about movie *Batwara* was expected to make waves after its release. That it could not generate a ripple is, perhaps, its achievement. Touted as the movie that "creates a big divide", it doesn't make even a dent in the hearts. Friendship, land and loyalty are divided, screamed banners. The only divisive factor evident in *Batwara* is its uncanny ability to coax you into switching off the video.

If you persist, you wonder why it was given the title it was. What did the film-maker intend? A cultural divide? A feudal divide? What does it say? Despite the big stars and the ostentatious settings, it says nothing. Except, perhaps, that weapons are an unworthy toy in the hands of temperamental men.

Set in a feudal milieu, it apparently wanted to portray the end of that era. Zamindari (landlordism) was abolished after independence. It starts off before the abolition of zamindari, revolving around a feudal family (Shammi Kapoor) and his two sons living it up in the village, and generally oppressing the landless farmers.

Farmers "steal the produce" to make a quick buck on the sly with the blessing of the sarpanch (village head). At this point, we believe that *Batwara* would deal with the ownership tussles. It was not to be.

A feudal lord becomes an outlaw, stealing from the farmers to fill the landlord's coffers. The soft candle lights, romance and feudal splendour give way to the hideouts of the two rebels: Vinod Khanna and Dharmendra, once friends, and now arch-rivals. Their indulgence in senseless violence and killing forms the rest of the theme.

Any interest generated by the period-setting, lavish costumes and sets, vanishes as the

gun-toting riders emerge from the hideouts, ride into villages, kill and maim, and then ride back into oblivion. If only they had remained there... wishful thinking in *Batwara*'s at least.

Vinod Khanna, Dharmendra, Dimple Kapadia, Amrita Singh, Shammi Kapoor and others are wasted in trivial roles.

**Mitti Sona** Many movies have been made about dancing girls, who are forced into the oldest profession in the world. In earlier ventures, the leading lady, despite her "profession" was pure as a lily; a damsel in distress waiting for her prince charming to come by riding on a white horse. The woman's purity was never in doubt.

In this scenario, it comes as a shock to learn that one film-maker actually believes that "call girls" actually exist. They ply their trade



Shakti Kapoor: a life-long friend

and are no longer lily-white! No longer is the woman a virgin. In *Mitti Sona*, Neelima (Sonam) is a brazen hussy, earning a fast buck to appease her "Aunt" (Aruna Irani) who paid a hefty price for her.

Beautiful and intelligent, Neelima accepts her circumstances, because she has no choice. And when romance comes her way in the form of hunky Vijay (Chunkey Panday), she is taken aback.

*Mitti Sona* is, at times, a poignant romantic tragedy. Although, flawed by excessive violence and avoidable complexities, it sustains interest for a better part of three hours, with a happy blend of fact and fiction, and some fantasy.

Sonam, the 18-year-old starlet who has become a sensation, gives a credible performance. Neelam looks radiant and fresh. And Chunkey, for once, plays down his macho image.

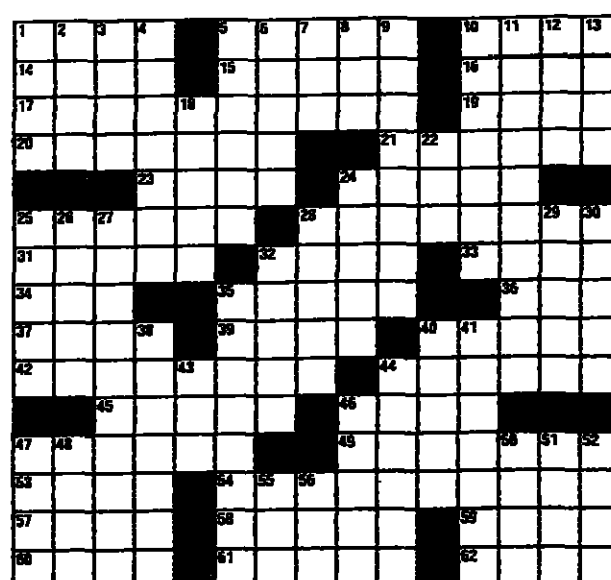
**Murim** Mithun Chakraborty plays the title role of *Murim* (Criminal). Once again, a movie-maker blames society for breeding crime, and therefore, criminals. In the process, he churns out an emotional melodrama with tug-of-love theme thrown in for good measure.

Disowned by his mother Nutan, he strikes gold in the underworld. While the mother toils in the slums, he rakes in millions, and wife in the form of Madhuri Dixit.

In some ways, *Murim* superficially deals with the trauma of belonging to a smuggler's family, living under the threat and hounded by both police and rival gangs.

Shakti Kapoor plays Mithun's friend. Unlike most movie-friends, Shakti turns out to be a real winner, giving a touching performance as the man who creates a lasting bond of friendship. The above movies are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya, Tel: 471-2900; and Falcon Video, Abbasiya.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Copycat
  - Walks nervously
  - Ranch unit
  - Actor
  - Auberjonois
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  - Crosspatch
  - Safe places for pedestrians
  - Corrida participant
  - Ottoman Empire rulers
  - Druid stone
  - City on the Skunk
  - Truck items
  - Geometric figure
  - Goalpost stripe
  - "— looking at you"
  - Cut of meat
  - Flat fish
  - Tax dept. VIP
  - Stacks
  - Wynken and Wynken's companion
  - Christie's — Marple
  - Savers' acts.
  - Part of an opera
  - Six-stanzaed verse form
  - Elected
  - Cereal ingredients
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  - Indisposition to motion
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  - Printer's directive
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  - Partner of time
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  - Horace
  - Attempts
  - Masonry wedges
  - Eldritch
  - Hybridize
  - Soft drinks
  - Admiral Byrd's book
  - Fortification
  - Italian coins
  - Crest
  - Mark with streaks
  - Diaphanous
  - Rust
  - Actor
  - Richardson
  - Suppress the objectionable
  - Ski trail
  - Sail support
  - Italian wine region
  - Piquant
  - Brainstorm
  - Sale sign
  - Darling of the Mets
  - Giant great

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARR

## FIND THE WINNING LINE

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K J 10  
 ♥ 10 8 7 5 4 2  
 ♦ A 6 5 4  
 ♣ Void

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q 6 5 3 2  
 ♥ K 6  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ Q J 8 7 4

**EAST**  
 ♠ A 9 8 4  
 ♥ Q J 9  
 ♦ K 9 3  
 ♣ 6 5 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 7  
 ♥ A 3  
 ♦ Q J 8 7 2  
 ♣ A K 10 9 3

The bidding:  
 North East South West  
 Pass Pass 1 ♦ 1 ♠  
 2 ♥ 2 ♣ 3 ♠  
 3 ♦ 3 ♠ 5 ♦ Pass  
 Pass Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠  
 Except for a young lady from Bulgaria, no declarer in the semifinals of the World Team Championships succeeded in making five diamonds after a low spade lead. Try your luck at it. We'll even show you all the cards.

South's bid of five diamonds was a reasonable shot. She hoped her partner would produce another high card in the red suits rather than the king of spades.

West's spade lead went to the ten and ace. Declarer popped up with the ace on the heart shift, ruffed a

club and cashed the king of spades for a heart discard. A heart ruff was followed by another club ruff, and a heart was trumped with the jack. Declarer ruffed her remaining low club and cashed the ace of diamonds, reducing the hand to this position:

**NORTH**  
 ♠ J  
 ♥ 10 8 7  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ —

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q 6  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ Q J

**EAST**  
 ♠ 9 8  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ K 9  
 ♣ —

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ —  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ Q 8  
 ♣ A K

Declarer simply led winning hearts from dummy, and East was forced to bow the knee. There was no way he could make more than his king of diamonds. Try it if you don't believe us.



## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should not expect to be loved without loving in return. Do not allow yourself to be intimidated by the obstacles. And a setback must not be allowed to discourage you altogether. Be consistent.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

If you try to do too many things all at once you will end up doing none of them well. You should refrain from living in the past and regretting what might have been. Avoid having too many late night in succession. Be cautious.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

A temptation to stray should be resisted, if not it could well get out of hand. You would be quite wrong to pretend or tell deliberate lies. Work hard but do not allow work to become the most important thing in your life. Be prudent.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You should take a small setback in your stride and not be too discouraged by it. Although, not everything will be to your liking you will have to put up with the situation. Do not be too proud to make a few concessions. Be kind.



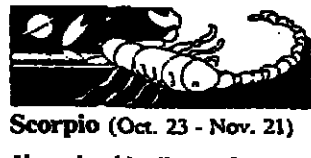
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will feel better than you have of late but must avoid any too 'hot' foods. Make sure you do not spend as though you had all the money you need. Do not be angry with yourself if you make mistakes, just try to correct and avoid you altogether them. Be caring.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

This will not be one of your days, just accept the fact and do your best. There will not be time for nearly all you would like to do so do what is really important first. You will be able to make amends and should do so. Be reliable.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should allow for traffic delays when making your way to an appointment. Make sure you read the small print before you sign a contract. Eat exotic foods in small quantities until you have established their effect on your digestion. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will need a document you have not seen for a long time and will have some difficulty finding it. There will be plenty of distractions but you must make sure you do not succumb to them. Take ever better care of your health. Be truthful.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Nothing will seem to go quite right today. Just stick to what has to be done and do not take any needless risks. Your lucky numbers are 10 and 19. Keep calm whilst dealing with an unpleasant person. Be attentive.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You should stick to limits both of speed and of propriety. Make sure you do not forget a birthday or anniversary. An offer or proposal should be considered most carefully. Be objective.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

If you think you know all the answers you are deluding yourself. You are liable to daydream and to allow your attention to wander. There will have to be a few changes and you should consider them carefully. Be sensible.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

Do not do anything that would displease your partner. Spend moderately but do not try to save by delaying repairs or avoiding maintenance. And do not think that a lucky chance will solve your problems. Be more patient.



## Dennis Quaid plays legendary rock'n' roller

## Stepping into Jerry Lee's shoes

By Mary Kemp

ON a hot, dusty afternoon on a ranch in rural Mississippi, Dennis Quaid pulled on a pair of old shoes. But they weren't just any old shoes. These had been worn by the immortal Jerry Lee Lewis while performing in the late Fifties.

Quaid, who stars as the rock 'n' roll legend in his latest movie, had found the shoes after spending several hours rummaging through Lewis' attic. He left the ranch that day still wearing them and continued to do so through the last day of filming.

The actor, who plays the lead in the movie named after the singer's biggest hit *Great Balls of Fire*, explained: "When I'm making a movie, the first thing I try to do is put myself in my character's shoes. Literally. That's when I become the character."

One of Hollywood's hottest new stars, Quaid shot to fame in *Innerspace*, *The Big Easy* and *Suspect*. But when he was at high school, he had no intention of becoming an actor. He wanted to be a rock star and became one of Jerry Lee Lewis' greatest fans. He recalled the first time he heard

the rebellious rocker: "I was a kid in my daddy's car on the way to the golf course when I was about five years old. *Great Balls of Fire* came on the radio as my brother Randy and me were jumping around on the back seat. My daddy told us to calm down but I noticed his leg was shaking, too."

## Rock

"Jerry Lee is one of the few performers who does rock 'n' roll the way it should be done. He embodies everything the kids love and their parents hate."

Of an era in which pop music was attacked as wicked and blas-

phemous, Quaid said: "Today, it all seems pretty tame."

The 34-year-old actor has his own rock band but it was only two years ago that he first played piano. Recently he has taken lessons to imitate Lewis' outrageous stage act. Six months before the start of production, he set himself a practice schedule of up to 12 hours a day. Once filming began, there was always a piano near the sound-stage (even when the scene required no music), another in his dressing room and a third at the house he rented in Memphis.

Quaid was soon playing the keys with his feet in Lewis' eccentric piano style. He said: "I still can't play with anything approaching his touch. Who can? But at least I'm getting it down. I'm playing the notes."

But the music heard in the film is playing by Lewis himself. His like *Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On* and *I'm On Fire*. The soundtrack also contains recordings of Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins and others of the period.

"I play Lewis like a nine-year-old kid who fell in love with the piano," said Quaid. "That romance became a personal challenge. Lewis is a virtuoso."

"He has incredible energy and spontaneity. He never plays a song the same way twice. That's what makes his performances so exciting. Sometimes more than exciting — downright suspenseful!"

## Blessing

Fans would eagerly await the moment Lewis stood up, sent his piano bench careering across the stage and continued singing while ripping off his jacket, pounding away at the piano one-handed without missing a beat.

And the great man himself will be looking over Dennis Quaid's shoulder as he acts out the scenes — the singer was an advisor on the film.

Lewis has given the film his blessing too but producer Adam

Fields recalled Lewis asking him, "Am I going to like this movie?"

Fields said: "It was a fair question but not one I was necessarily prepared to answer. I swallowed hard and said, 'Probably not.' The iron stare faded and there was a vulnerable little boy asking, 'Watcha mean?'"

"I told him, 'I don't know if anybody could be happy watching their life story. I know I couldn't watch my life story on a big screen for all the world to see.'"

"Jerry replied, 'You're right. You could do my life story and have nothing in it but weddings and funerals. But then again,

Elvis didn't have no movie made about him when he was alive. I guess that makes me bigger than Elvis, doesn't it?'"

Lewis, now 53, has also re-recorded many of his songs for the movie.

*Great Balls of Fire* revolves around the scandal that wrecked the singer's early career. In 1958, he outraged fans by marrying his 13-year-old cousin Myra (played in the film by Winona Ryder). When he brought his bride to Britain for a six-week sell-out tour, the scandal resulted in it being cancelled after just one concert.



Dennis Quaid with a co-star in 'Great Balls of Fire'.



Dennis Quaid with Winona Ryder, who plays Myra, the 13-year-old cousin whom Jerry Lee Lewis married. The ensuing scandal wrecked his early career.

## Saving Earth from humans

## Guess who's just moved in!

By Laura Zackon

HUMANS beware! Man-sized green insects from South American jungles are invading our towns in tidy family units of four — mummy and daddy insect and big sister and baby brother insect.

In a new film, *Meet the Applegates*, an undiscovered group of highly-developed creatures from the Amazon rain forests converge on a small American town but their disguise is so perfect that no-one even notices them.

They are on a secret mission to save the Earth — from humans!

The creatures' cover as the Applegates is of a bland, typical all-American family. But since their arrival in their new neighbourhood, several people have mysteriously disappeared...

The film is a satire of American family values and the American lifestyle, with a timely ecological twist.

The Applegates' mission is to protect the Brazilian rain forests from destruction by humans, even if that means destroying humanity itself.

The head of the family, Dick Applegate, is played by Ed Begley Jr., best known as the hapless Dr Ehrlich in TV's *St Elsewhere*.

Dick is employed as a computer programmer but his real "boss" is his Aunt Bea (played by actor Dabney Coleman), another overgrown praying mantis who has planned the entire mission.

Dick, a computer whizz, has been briefed to cause a nuclear meltdown which would destroy mankind — but not insect-kind!

But just as all the plans are coming onto action, the Applegate family discover that people are alarmingly good at getting in the way and disrupting their plans. And all those who cross the Applegates have a disturbing



Ed Begley Jr. as Dick Applegate, who is really a giant praying mantis.

habit of going missing.

The family's methods of ridding themselves of those who come close to discovering their true identity are so time consuming, their plans fall seriously behind schedule.

And the longer they stay with their new neighbours, the more they come to understand and sympathise with them. This infuriates the determined Aunt Bea, who has no time for mere ape-descendants.

So the race is on between Dick Applegate and Aunt Bea. Aunt Bea is hell-bent on destroying the human race by blowing up a nuclear power plant, while Dick is driven to

stop "here".

Co-writer and director of *Meet the Applegates*, Michael Lehmann, said of the film's green leanings: "I certainly don't think of it as being a message film but I do think it's satire and, in that regard, its humour is generally orientated to exposing certain hypocrisies and social issues in America today."

Jane Applegate, Dick's apple-pie making, kleptomaniac wife, is played by Stockard Channing who starred in *Grease*, *Without a Trace* and *The Men's Club*. She won a Tony award in 1985 for Best Actress in the Broadway play *A Day in the Death of Joe Egg*.

## Distant thunder

75 years on

ONLY a scant few still hear the muffled echo, but 75 years ago this month, the guns of August opened the Great War. The shape of Europe and the world beyond was changed forever.

World War I was triggered in a little town named Sarajevo, when a Serbian terrorist shot the Archduke expected to inherit the Austro-Hungarian empire. Within weeks, Europe was in flames.

On Aug 3, the day Germany declared war on Great Britain, British Foreign Minister Sir Edward Grey stared down into St James' Park and told a friend:

"The lamps are going out all over Europe — we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime."

The next day, Prime Minister Herbert Asquith told the House of Commons that Britain was at war with Germany. Kaiser Wilhelm II invaded Belgium in a drive toward France, ignoring a British ultimatum to respect Belgian neutrality.

By the time it ended four years later, the Great War had demolished Europe's long-established social and political structure, and had left loose other political and social forces that would lead to another world war and mark the 20th century as the bloodiest in history.

Without a single decisive victory, 10 million people were killed in battle or in the cross fire. Perhaps 65 million men fought under one flag or another.

The flower of British, French, German and Russian manhood was wiped out. Britain alone suffered 765,000 dead (compared with 265,000 in World War II) and 2 million wounded.

It was a war of the trenches where junior officers, often only 18 or 19 years old, were pitched into the front straight from their school units.

In Britain, these officers were the youth of an entire generation of the nation's middle class. They were mourned as the "lost generation" which would have provided leaders for the country or who would have fathered the next generation of political leaders, innovators, experts and intellectuals.

In the West, eventual humiliation in France left Germany in economic and social chaos, creating the conditions that spawned Adolf Hitler.

In the East, World War spilled into the Russian Revolution. A czar, bled white, gave way to a Red Army. Shards of Eastern Europe fell victim to forces which, after a later war, locked them behind the Iron Curtain.

The United States, still a relative novice in world affairs, was pulled from isolation and emerged as a power.

Ancient Persia fell to a coup d'etat which brought to power the Pahlavi dynasty, brought down in 1979 by Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic revolution.

African colonies changed hands, leaving confused loyalties.

After 1918, the world looked at itself differently.

This was the last war fought the old way, with ranking officers leading their men in bloody charges, hill by hill and trench by trench.

The Great War left world leaders with a forum for seeking accord. Horrified by what they had wrought, governments formed the League of Nations, forerunner to the United Nations.

(Paris — AP)



Bros: heart-throbs of every teenage girl

## Double sensation

THIS two-in-one music video features two of the most popular pop-disco acts in Britain, namely Bros and the Pet Shop Boys. Although similar in music styles, the comparison between the two groups starts and ends there.

Bros are the new top sensation in Britain. Their first album 'Push' has sold over 2 million copies worldwide and a new single 'Too Much' is currently the No. 1 song on the British top charts.

The group's three members Matt & Luke Goss and Craig Logan — all 19-year-olds — have become the heart-throbs of every teenage girl across the country and abroad.

The Bros *Special Live* is a collection of live clips of the best Bros songs interspersed with interviews, rehearsals, backstage action and more.

Matt, as the lead singer, grabs much of the spotlight, as he leaps and dashes around the stage dressed in various flashy jackets, skimpily T-shirts and the customary ripped jeans (already the dress code of millions of teenagers). The crowd goes wild as he sings and grunts his 'oohs' and 'aahs' on such disco chart busters like 'I Owe You Nothing', 'I Quit' and the slower 'Cat Among the Pigeons'.

Matt's identical twin, Luke, is the percussionist and has a difficult job trying to get his electronic drum-kit heard over the noise of the wildly cheering crowd.

Craig Logan gets his fair share of the screams as he thumps his

bass guitar and backs Matt on the microphone.

Bros are young and fun and this video best illustrates the rise to stardom of Britain's newest pop stars.

The Pet Shop Boys, (Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe), on the other hand are not really the most handsome pop stars on this planet. Their strength lies more in their song writing ability that has produced hit after hit on the British and American charts.

They cover up for their lack of showmanship with clever videos that are a combination of innovative production techniques and the Boys' own imitable pop art style.

Show Business is a collection of their 6 best hit videos. Running time 60 minutes approx.

John Gilbert



Pet Shop Boys: their strength lies in their song-writing ability

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS ARE DANDY DEVICES

QUESTION: I'm considering buying some equipment to measure the blood pressure of my husband, who has a mild hypertensive condition, and I've noticed a number of different devices in the local pharmacy. How accurate are they, and how can you be sure of getting accurate results when using a home monitoring device?

ANSWER: That's a fine idea, for a blood pressure monitor can help greatly in helping your husband deal with his condition. Such devices give hypertensive patients an immediate idea of how well they are doing with their medication programme. They also help the patient's doctor by creating a record of daily readings to evaluate, in an ongoing fashion, the progress of the patient.

Three different types of instruments are currently available for home use. All three are packaged in kits that contain a blood pressure cuff, and, if necessary, a stethoscope.

The first of these devices, the mercury sphygmomanometer, is calibrated by the

manufacturer so that the top of the mercury column stands precisely at zero when the cuff is deflated. This device is considered the most accurate and reliable of the three. If the mercury column is soiled or does not rest at zero, the instrument should be returned to the manufacturer for recalibration.

Non-electronic aneroid manometers cost less and are accurate if properly calibrated. They should be calibrated once every year against a standard mercury sphygmomanometer.

The newest choice for home blood pressure monitoring is one of the many electronic devices that provide a digital readout and do not require a stethoscope. Some are fully automated so that the push of a button inflates and deflates the cuff. These are particularly useful for people with hearing deficiencies or those anxious about using a stethoscope, or even just for those who want to have an instrument that's easy to use.

Movement of the arm, failure of batteries

or incorrect placement of the cuff can cause erratic measurement, so before an unusual result leads you to assume the worst, be sure to test your pressure a second time. False readings may also result from an ill-fitting cuff, so choose the right size if you are given a choice. Also, a noisy environment may cause a high reading.

Hypertensive patients should expect some normal daily fluctuations in pressure, but it makes sense to check the pressure under the same conditions each time, so that comparisons are valid. Pick a time of the day when stress is at a minimum to obtain a good reading.

There is one additional benefit from using these devices that isn't always written about. Just using the instrument reminds patients that they should be taking their medication on a regular basis, even when they are feeling fine, for that's the best way to keep those readings down!

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## ANDY CAPP



By Smith



## Happy birthday



Joyeeta of Carmel School celebrated her birthday on 27 July. Belated greetings from parents and friends. Joyeeta likes listening to stories.



Mohammed Ismail celebrated his 2nd birthday on July 31st. Belated greetings from dad, mum, grandmother, uncles and friends.



Sayima Siddiqui celebrated her 10th birthday on August 1. Belated greetings from family and friends.



Hassan Zanid Butt celebrated his 7th birthday on August 7. Belated greetings from family and friends.

Hassan goes to the International School of Pakistan and likes swimming.



Rania Shahjahan celebrates her 2nd birthday on August 10. Many happy returns of the day from mum, dad, brother, family and friends.

Rania likes music and playing with toys.



Lindsay Silveira celebrates her 5th birthday today, August 10. Birthday greetings from mum, dad and sisters, Desiree and Naomi. Lindsay goes to Carmel School and enjoys singing and painting.



Kenneth Colaso celebrates his 7th birthday today August 10. Happy birthday from friends and family.

Kenneth goes to the New Indian School and enjoys music, cycling and cartoons.



Jessica Baptista celebrates her 7th birthday on August 11. Birthday greetings from friends and family.

Jessica goes to Carmel School and enjoys drawing and singing.



Gurpreet S Maan celebrates his 5th birthday on August 12. Happy birthday from parents, family, relatives and friends.

Gurpreet goes to the Indian School and likes painting and dancing.

Dear Junior Readers,  
Being at a curious age, I'm sure many of you are fond of playing with the electronic machines around the house.

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Most probably, mummy keeps telling you not to play around in the kitchen, especially with the electronics. Have you wondered why?

Well using these appliances without close supervision, no matter how confident you are, is very, very dangerous. The least of the nasty accidents that may happen is that your fingers may get caught in a machine and get seriously injured.

Be careful.

Manol.

## Young poet

## Dreams

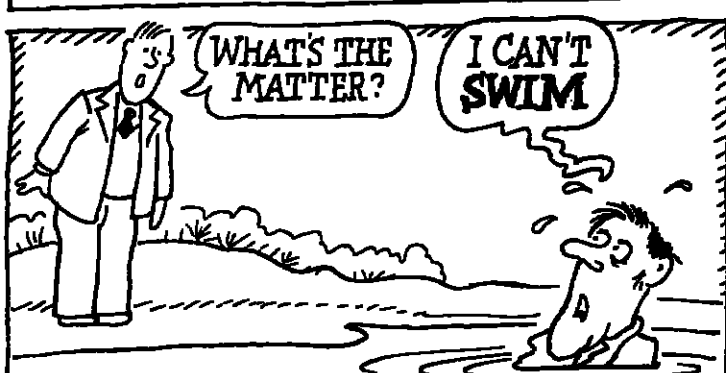
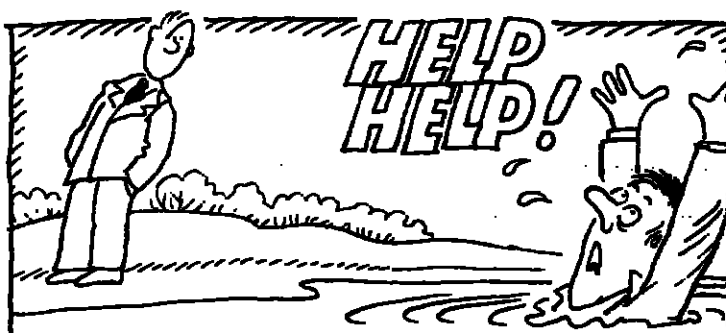
Am I living in this world?  
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Why? Oh! Why do I dream  
of all of the wonderful things in life.  
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cars and of bungalows.

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I always search for reality in my dreams,  
and I am optimistic,  
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will come true...

Shaheen S. Shaik,  
Dadar, Bombay.



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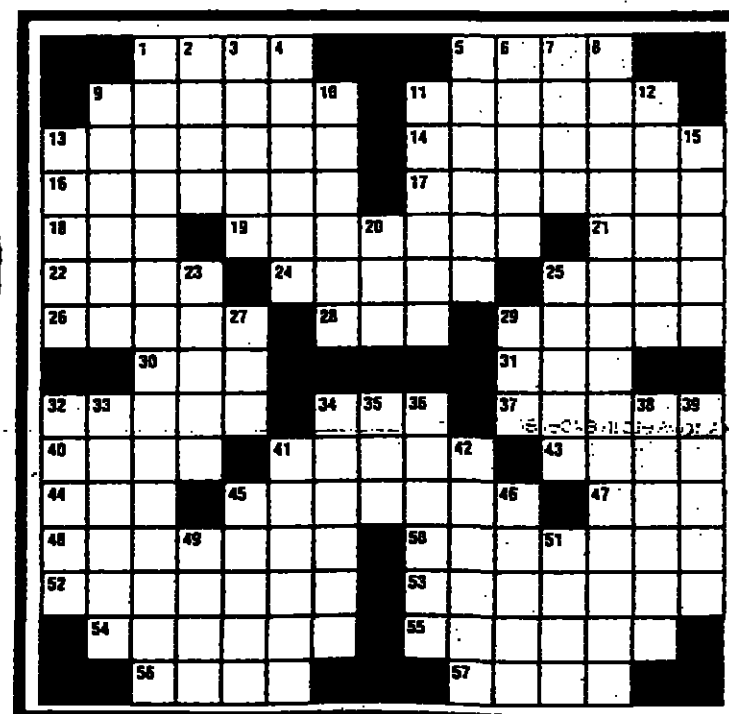
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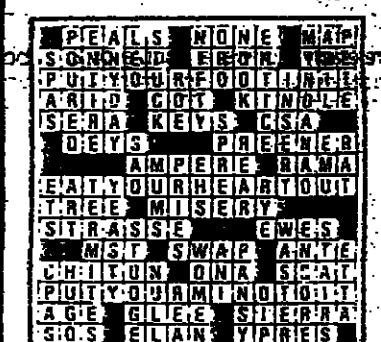
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Solutions to Tuesday's crosswords



## GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Do you have a favorite game that you enjoy playing? We've come up with quite a list of pastimes guaranteed to brighten any day! Can you find them all?



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## Colouring time





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## SPORTS

## Ajax aim to revive memories of glory

AMSTERDAM, Aug 9. (Reuters) Ajax Amsterdam and Feyenoord Rotterdam will try to revive memories of former glories and end PSV Eindhoven's domination of the League championship when the new Dutch soccer season opens this week-end.

The campaign promises to be very competitive as former Real Madrid coach Leo Beenhakker has inherited a gifted young Ajax squad and Pim Verbeek of Feyenoord is seeking success in his first spell in charge of a top team.

PSV won a record fourth consecutive title in May and coach Guus Hiddink hopes to have a good European Cup run as well as extend the sequence of League triumphs.

"We are building a team to be successful in Europe in years to come," he said.

"We don't see reaching the final this year as an absolute goal but we still want to be in the competition at the quarterfinal stage."

Hiddink must cope with the loss to Barcelona of star libero Ronald Koeman. A number of players from the Dutch national team, 1988 European champions and among the favourites for next year's World Cup, have moved abroad.

But international midfielder Gerald Vanenburg recently rejected a move to AS Roma and agreed to stay with PSV for the rest of his career.

"We've had lost Vanenburg after Koeman we would have been 40 per cent less effective as a team," Hiddink said.

PSV have recruited Zambian forward Kialusha Bwalya from Cercle Brugge of Belgium. He will team up with Romario, last year's leading scorer, when the Brazilian returns from international duty next month.

Ajax's bid to add to their 22 League championships could be undermined by long-term injuries to leading players Stefan Petrusson, their Swedish striker, and defender Sonny Silooy, recently bought back from Racing Club de Paris.

But Beenhakker, returning to Ajax after three years in Madrid, remains optimistic.

"I think we can win the cup, hope we can keep up with the leaders and still be in touch when we have everyone back on board," he said.

The Ajax squad contains a host of promising youngsters. Much is expected of Bryan Roy, 19, a left-winger seen as the most exciting discovery in Dutch football.

Feyenoord have attempted to boost their fire power and shore up their leaky defence by signing striker Piet Ksar from FC Twente and defender John de Wolf from Groningen.

Verbeek wants to instill a fighting spirit into a team which last won the title in 1984.

"We have to rely on strength and commitment because we don't have the quality to compete with the best in Europe," he said.

Feyenoord and Ajax are joined in the UEFA Cup by FC Twente while Groningen compete in the Cup Winners' Cup.

The Dutch Football Association (KNVB) is hoping that the season will produce none of the crowd violence which has marred matches in recent years.

## GP organisers to insure against world records

BRUSSELS, Aug 8. (Reuters) The organisers of the Brussels Grand Prix athletics meeting on August 25 will insure themselves against the possibility of paying extra money for world records.

The organisers are committed to paying \$25,000 to any athlete who sets a world record and yesterday they said they planned to take out insurance cover.

"If we had to pay an extra \$25,000 we would be in deep trouble," a spokesman for the organisers said.

Italian Salvatore Antibo, who clocked the second fastest time ever over 10,000 metres in Helsinki on June 29, will make another attempt on the world record here.

Antibo will run against Olympic champion Ibrahim Boutayeb of Morocco and

Kenya's 5,000 metres Olympic gold medalist John Ngugi.

"Antibo has said explicitly he wants to break the world record in Brussels," organiser Wilfried Meert said. "On the other hand, Ngugi wants to win his prestige back after a disappointing first half of the season."

Morocco's Said Aouita will also com-

plete, although he has yet to choose between the 1,500 and a clash with Kenyan Yobes Ondieki in the 5,000.

"Aouita will be there, that's the only thing that's definite," Meert said.

Carl Lewis has also to decide between his Olympic gold medal events of the 100 metres and the long jump.

## Buckley sets javelin record

## Ereng fails in world mark bid

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Aug 9. (AP) British javelin thrower Steve Buckley set the surprise best performance at the 12th Hungarian Cup Grand Prix track and field meeting last night.

As spectators were trickling out of the stadium, Buckley, the winner at the European Cup at Gateshead, England, at the weekend threw 85.86 metres to win the event and also set a British record.

It was the second longest throw in the current season.

Six of the javelin field threw over 80 metres in an event that had received little attention.

Kenyan middle distance runner Paul Ereng failed to deliver the promised 1,000 metre world record in what was to be the star attraction of the programme.

In conditions that seemed promising for an attempt, and the assistance of two rabbits to set the pace, Ereng — with 2 minutes 17.37 seconds — was well outside Briton Sebastian Coe's world record set in Oslo in 1981.

Once the pace makers dropped out, the 22-year-old Kenyan was unchallenged for the race. He lengthened his strokes 200 metres from the finish and raced alone over the line.

The Kenyan and his coun-

tryman Yobes Ondieki were expected to post good performances in the middle distance events, but the meeting failed to live up to expectations despite an impressive line-up of top international athletes.

Ondieki was untouchable in the 1,500 metres, but ran the distance relatively slowly in 3 minutes 39.03.

The first action of the day came in the women's 400 metres hurdles, when Anita Proti of Switzerland streaked past Olympic gold medalist Debbie Flintoff-King in the race's final metres. Proti's 56.12 time was well outside this year's best performances.

Merlene Ottey of Jamaica — the second best performer in the event this season behind Dawn Sowell of the US — won the women's 100 metres dash with 11.09 seconds in front of Jennifer Lania of the US it was the fourth fastest time for the event this year.

American Andre Cason, the world junior record holder, clocked 10.27 seconds to win the men's 100 metres dash. US sprinter Calvin Smith was second in the event, with 10.37.

West German Wolfgang Schmidt threw 66.20 metres to win the men's discus.



Mohammed Al Maki from Oman (No. 117) waves to the crowd after winning the 400 metres at the Hungaru Cup Grand Prix. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Shriver brushes aside Martin

## Sabatini and Garrison sail through

MANHATTAN BEACH, California, Aug 9. (UPI) Second-seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina and No. 3 Zina Garrison sailed into the third round with straight-set victories last night at the \$300,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles.

Fourth-seeded Pam Shriver and No. 5 Mary Joe Fernandez also advanced without much trouble in their respective matches.

Martina Navratilova, ranked No. 17 in the world, ousted No. 9 Raffaella Reggi of Italy, 6-1, 6-2. And Claudia Porvick of West Germany, ranked 92nd, won the final nine games in a 3-6, 6-0 victory over 10th seed Patty Fendick.

Sabatini, 19, looked sharp coming off a month-long layoff since Wimbledon. She won the first eight games before disposing of Australian Jenny Byrne, 6-0, 6-2, in 65 minutes.

Garrison, 25, runnerup last week

in San Diego to Steffi Graf, defeated South Africa's Amanda Coetzer, 6-3, 6-2.

Sabatini, the world's No. 3 player, outplayed the Australian with her customary heavy topspin ground game.

"I think I'm playing my best tennis now," said Sabatini, last year's runner-up to Chris Evert. "I felt very relaxed tonight and was in total control."

Garrison, the No. 6 player in the world, continued to play her aggressive net-rushing game with success. She took the opening set with a decisive service break in the next set before closing out the 68-minute match.

Top-seeded Martina Navratilova was play her first match today against Isabelle Demongeot of France.

Shriver knocked off 19-year-old

Stacey Martin, 6-2, 6-4. Fernandez, 18, defeated unseeded Elizabeth Smylie of Australia, 6-3, 6-3, with an effective baseline game.

Shriver, combining a steady baseline game with her classic serve-and-volley attack, blanketed the net at almost every opportunity in her triumph.

"Overall, I'm pleased with the way I battled it out," said Shriver, the world's No. 9 player. "I'll take 2 and 4 for the first match on hardcourts in five months."

Shriver, who has captured 20 doubles titles with Navratilova — the pair won a record 109 straight matches — said they will not play together at the US Open this month.

Navratilova, who will team with Hana Mandlikova of Australia, apparently did not tell Shriver of the switch.

"I was a bit surprised when I found

out last week in San Diego," Shriver said. "I didn't hear it from her. You like to hear it from her. You like to hear it from the horse's mouth."

Javier, a qualifier who has dual citizenship in the United States and England, said she was determined to win.

"I didn't want to work that hard to qualify and then lose in the first round," said the former San Diego state star.

Others advancing included No. 7 Mandlikova, who topped unseeded Pascale Paradis of France, 6-0, 6-1. No. 8 Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden, who defeated NCAA champion Sandra Birch, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, and No. 16 Amy Frazier, a 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 winner over Wendy White.

Bertina Bunge of West Germany, making a comeback after a 20-month layoff, withdrew with tendinitis in her left knee.

## Flying squads test athletes

LONDON, Aug 9. (Reuters) Fifty athletes from Bulgaria, Belgium and Australia have been dope tested at random recently by International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) flying squads.

The squads were set up to test athletes anywhere in the world after a special IAAF council meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden, last April.

An IAAF statement said 20 athletes had been tested at the Bulgarian National Championships in Sofia, a further 20 at the Belgian Championships and 10 at Australia's National Marathon Championships on the Gold Coast in Queensland.

An IAAF official said yesterday the results of the tests had not yet been received.

## Final major of the 1980s

## Watson seeks US PGA title

HAWTHORN WOODS, Ill., Aug 9. (Reuters) Tom Watson, the most prolific collector of major golf titles in the 1980s, tries to snare the only prize to elude him when he tees off tomorrow in the US PGA championship, last major event of the decade.

The 1980s began with the mighty Jack Nicklaus bagging two majors, then Watson took his turn at the top by collecting five of the prized trophies from 1980 to 1983.

Since then the balance of power has shifted and swayed and no one player has dominated the rest of the decade of majors that ends fittingly at Kemper Lakes, a wide open public course that holds promise as well as peril for competitors.

Generous fairways and huge greens suggest the scoring may be easy but three lakes lurk dangerously along nine holes of the snaking 7,197-yard layout that will test the driving skills of even the longest hitters.

Only two golfers in the 150-man field have a chance to match the double last accomplished by Watson in 1982 — Masters champion Nick Faldo of Britain and US Open winner Curtis Strange.

Mark Calcavecchia, who won last month's British Open at Royal Troon for his first major triumph, withdrew from the championship yesterday, the day his daughter Briney Jo was born.

Also at stake for American golfers are berths on the Ryder Cup team, which will be determined after this tournament for next month's match at the Belfry in Sutton Coldfield, England.

Four of the 10 spots awarded to points leaders are up for grabs. US captain Raymond Floyd will select an additional member and the PGA champion is on automatically. If the winner is also among the top 10 in points, Floyd will make a second selection to fill the 12-man team.

Leading contenders for the

PGA title include two of the decade's biggest stars — Greg Norman and Watson himself — who both hope to build on their showing at Royal Troon.

Watson has not added to his total in six years but made a run for a sixth British Open crown, finishing only two shots off the lead.

"I'm playing very well. I just hope it's good enough to win here," said Watson, who needs to win the PGA to complete a career Grand Slam.

Watson, who turns 40 next month, said he was buoyed by his British Open play.

"I'd have to be a zombie not to be excited. You're darn right I hope there's a carry-over. This tournament is my goal — it's the one I haven't won," he said.

Norman, whose fame is tarnished by the majors he has lost, came close yet again at Royal Troon where he lost after a four-hole playoff with Calcavecchia and fellow-Australian Wayne Grady.

Despite failing to add to his lone major gained at the 1986 British Open, the finish was a triumph for Norman who shot a spectacular 64 to join the playoff.

"The great feelings from the British Open Sunday are still in my system because I haven't played since then in any tournament. I feel that momentum still in me," Norman said.

Momentum is going the other way for Seve Ballesteros, who needs a victory here to match Watson's five majors in the 1980s.

"I haven't played well the last three months and I don't know why. I really don't know what happened," the Spaniard said.

"I'm missing left and right — and military golf," he grinned.

Defender Jeff Sluman, whose win last year at Oak Tree Golf Club was his first victory as a professional, will be hard pressed to repeat.

## Ngugi romps to victory

Lagos, Aug 9. (Reuters) Olympic champion John Ngugi romped to victory in the 5,000 metres at the African Athletics Championships yesterday but said he wished he could have met world champion Said Aouita.

Ngugi, winner of a record four cross country titles, won in 13 minutes 22.07 seconds, more than 13 seconds ahead of Ethiopia's second-placed Addis Abebe, the world junior record holder.

"I don't know if I will meet Aouita in Europe but I still want to run against him," Ngugi said.

Ngugi confirmed he would move up to the 10,000 next year and hoped to train and study in the United States.

Kenyan made a clean sweep of the 1,500 metres with Robert Kibet finishing first in 3:39.43. Joseph Chesire was second and Nixon Kiprotich third.

Nigeria topped the medals table with 14 golds followed by Algeria with nine.

## Austin's career in jeopardy

LOS ANGELES, Aug 9. (Reuters) Tracy Austin's career was in doubt yesterday after the two-time US Open tennis champion underwent surgery to repair a broken leg.

"There clearly are some questions about whether she'll be able to come back from it," said Jeff Austin, her brother and manager.

Jeff Austin said his sister would be on crutches for three months.



## Tyson fined for speeding

ALBANY, New York, Aug 9. (AP) Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson paid \$300 in fines and agreed to conduct three youth clinics after pleading guilty to two counts of speeding yesterday.

Tyson appeared in traffic court, accompanied by boxing promoter Don King.

The 23-year-old boxer, dressed in a dark suit, paid the \$300 from a wad of large bills immediately after sentencing.

Police said they had clocked his Lamborghini sports car travelling at 114 kilometres (71 miles) per hour in a 48 kilometre (30-mile) per hour zone as he raced another car on April 26.

Tyson was caught racing again May 5 in a similar zone, police said.

Judge Stephen Safranko ordered Tyson to conduct two clinics at a community centre in a predominantly black neighbourhood and a third for the Albany Parks Department.

Tyson lived as a teen-ager in nearby Catskill, New York, with boxing trainer Cus D'Amato and has kept homes in the Albany area of New York state since becoming a professional boxer.

Asked by the judge whether he felt the sentences were fair, Tyson mumbled, "It's fair," and thanked him.

Tyson made no other comment before leaving with his entourage, including two lawyers, three bodyguards and King.

Gerard Maney, a spokesman for the city of Albany, said the clinics will have no set content but will include discussions between Tyson and youths about drugs and possibly a boxing clinic.

## Fleet-footed Chang staves off defeat

## Gilbert sails past Wilkison



Chang; taken to third set

LIVINGSTON, N.J., Aug 9. (Agencies) French Open champion Michael Chang used his quick feet and fast thinking yesterday to stave off defeat by underhanded Scott Wilkison in the opening round of a \$125,000 Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Chang, top seeded in this event and ranked fifth in the world, defeated 181st-ranked Warner 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

The diminutive Chang said his fellow-American Warner had "the biggest serve I've ever seen ... in the second set I just stood there and he just served aces."

The 6-foot 5-inch (1.95-metre) Warner got off to a nervous start in the first set, committing numerous double faults and unforced errors but settled down and overwhelmed Chang with his booming service in the second set.

At the beginning of the third set, Chang altered his strategy. "I made a simple adjustment," he said. "I stood 10 feet behind the baseline to receive serve. I wanted to give him a different look and myself the extra time to get his serve."

"My feet are the key to my game, by getting to the ball in that extra fraction of a second I can do something with it," Chang added.

The change in strategy worked

to near perfection as the 17-year-old Chang broke Warner's serve three times.

Chang said this event was getting him tournament tough and "by the US open I'll be peaked and ready to go. It was a mistake to take two weeks off after Wimbledon."

The tournament's second seed, Brad Gilbert, had a much easier time, defeating Tim Wilkison 6-4, 6-1 in another all-American match.

"I really volleyed well tonight," said Gilbert, the world's ninth ranked player.

Earlier, seventh-seed Paul Annacone had to survive four match points in a 32-point tie-breaker before advancing to the second round of the Swiss Army Knife Open, considered a warm-up to the US Open a month away.

On a day when two seeds were eliminated in the first round, Annacone had to play the longest tie-breaker of his nine-year career to claim a 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory over qualifier Tim Pawset.

Also yesterday, No. 5 seed Robert Seguso reinjured his left foot and had to retire trailing 5-2 to Jim Grabb. Sixth-seeded Kelley Evernden of New Zealand fell 7-5, 6-2 to Mike Brown, a junior at Arkansas ran-

ked No. 2 in the final collegiate rankings.

Fourth-seeded Jim Courier, who in June upset Andre Agassi at the French Open, was forced to only one device game on his serve as he beat Mark Knowles 6-1, 6-2 in 56 minutes. Courier and Knowles had been roommates at a junior tennis academy.

Annacone fired an ace to end the marathon game, which he tied at a set apiece on his eighth set point.

"It was a nerve-racking game since both of us kept losing great opportunities," he said.

Pawset double-faulted on successive serves after holding a 7-6 lead.

Annacone broke at love in the ninth game of the third set when Pawset committed his fifth double-fault of the match.

Seguso suffered a bruised bone on the side of his left foot.

"I shouldn't have played but I took a chance and that was almost costly when I nearly turned my ankle," said Seguso after his 23-minute attempt.

Jeff Tarango, a rookie pro who starred for Standord's NCAA championship team this year, ousted Georgia star Al Parker 7-6 (7-1), 6-2. Tarango lost in the final last year to Chang.



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## American tour

NEW DELHI, Aug 9, (Reuters): Former Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar today denied a charge that he was responsible for an unauthorised cricket tour which led to six Test players being banned from playing for India for a year. Gavaskar, accused by all-rounders Kapil Dev of persuading the national squad to play matches in North America after a cricket board-sanctioned West Indian tour in May, said his connection with the affair was limited to playing a match in New York.

## Joint team

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug 9, (AP): South Korea urged North Korea today to take steps so the two nations could resume talks on fielding a joint Korean team at the 1990 Asian Games. North Korea called yesterday for the sports talks to resume tomorrow.

## Fastnet race

PLYMOUTH, England, Aug 9, (UPI): Disaster hit the American Admiral's Cup team today after its yacht Bravura lost her mast and was forced to retire from the Fastnet race.

## Rugby tour

LONDON, Aug 9, (Reuters): Peter Yarranton, chairman of Britain's Sports Council and a vice-president of the English Rugby Union, has declined an invitation to attend the South African Rugby Board's centenary celebrations this month.

## Record holder

BRUSSELS, Aug 9, (Reuters): World high jump champion and world record holder Stefka Kostadinova of Bulgaria will miss the rest of the European season because of a knee injury.

## Drug use

BRISBANE, Australia, Aug 9, (Reuters): Australia's northern state of Queensland plans to make it a criminal offence for athletes to take anabolic steroids, state health minister Ivan Gibbs said today.

## W. German soccer

BONN, Aug 9, (Reuters): Result of a West German First Division soccer match last night: Fortuna Dusseldorf 1 (Bueskens) Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Andersen, Binz). Halftime 0-1. Attendance 12,000.

## Dumbarton win

DUMBARTON, Scotland, Aug 9, (Reuters): Dumbarton beat Stenhousemuir 3-0 in a Scottish League Cup first round soccer match yesterday.

## Games boycott

CANBERRA, Aug 9, (Reuters): Eight Commonwealth foreign ministers pledged today to try to bring the Commonwealth Games are not disrupted by boycotts protesting at rebel sports tours to South Africa.

## Swedish player

STOCKHOLM, Aug 9, (Reuters): Swedish midfielder Jonas Thern has signed a two-year contract with Portugal's Benfica and will transfer on August 15 for an undisclosed sum. His Swedish club Malmö FF said today.

## Brazil win

SAO PAULO, Aug 9, (Reuters): Hosts Brazil trounced Canada 80-58 (47-28) yesterday to win group two in the America's Cup qualifying tournament for next year's World Championships.

## GCC club soccer

MANAMA, Aug 9, (AP): Underdogs Fanja of Oman shocked former champions Al Arabi of Kuwait today when they forced a draw in the Coca Cola Gulf Co-operation Council club soccer championship at the national stadium in Isa Town.

## Cantona recalled

PARIS, Aug 9, (Reuters): Manager Michel Platini has recalled wayward star Eric Cantona to the French squad for next week's friendly soccer international against Sweden.

## Rebel cricket tour organisers shrug off withdrawals

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 9, (Reuters): The remaining 14 English rebel cricketers due to tour South Africa stick by their pledge to come here, and players are available to replace two who pulled out, tour organisers Ali Bacher said today.

Bacher, managing director of the South African Cricket Union (SACU), charged that players Phillip DeFreitas and Roland

Butcher both black, had suffered threats before withdrawing from the squad.

Bacher told Reuters that David Graveney, manager of the tour squad due to arrive in January, had telephoned early today to say that 14 remaining players were still coming to South Africa.

"They reaffirmed their contract obligations that all of them will tour South Africa

this coming English winter," Bacher said.

"Suitable players of quality are available to replace DeFreitas and Butcher," he added, saying the names would be announced later. He declined to say whom he had in mind. He added that no contracts had been signed.

The tour has been condemned by anti-apartheid lobbies overseas and at home. It could disrupt next year's Commonwealth

Games which start in Auckland at the same time as the tour here.

In South Africa, opposition has been led by a new organisation called the National Sports Congress whose spokesman, Krish Naidoo, said today the tour was doomed. He said Bacher should spare the remaining 14 cricketers further agony and trauma by cancelling the tour.

"We hope that Bacher will see the light of day and see the folly of his ways," Naidoo said.

The tour has been hailed by South African whites as a spectacular coup which erodes the isolation imposed because of Pretoria's apartheid race policies.

But prospects are bleak for a rugby union tour by a World XV due to start in a few

days' time.

Even though the tour has been condemned by the International Rugby Board, 100 years of rugby in South Africa, players have been dropping out.

Meanwhile, a leading Pakistani cricketer official today welcomed the withdrawal of the two players and said he hoped the rest of the squad would follow suit.

## England look to the past

Australia show no signs of letting up



Michael Atherton



Devon Malcolm

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug 9, (Reuters): England's new-look Test side should cast their minds back 12 years at Trent Bridge tomorrow as they seek to give English cricket hope for the future in the wake of Australia's crushing Ashes victory.

It was at Nottingham in 1977 that the England selectors, faced with the imminent defection of several key players to the Kerry Packer circus, selected a young all-rounder called Ian Botham for his first Test appearance.

Botham took five for 74 in the Australian first innings, England won the match and, under the captaincy of Mike Brearley, emerged from the rubble of the Packer affair as a side to be reckoned with.

Twelve years on, Botham remains and another rebel tour, this time to South Africa, has set the cat among the pigeons.

With English cricket in disarray and the Australians rampant, opportunity beckons for Michael Atherton and Devon Malcolm, England's latest new caps.

The surprise is that the 21-year-old Atherton, captain of

Cambridge University this year, and Malcolm, the lively Derbyshire fast bowler, are the only fresh faces in the England side for the fifth Test.

John Emburey, Neil Foster, Paul Jarvis and Tim Robinson, all South Africa-bound, and Graham Gooch, left out at his own request, are missing from the 12 who lost the fourth Test and the Ashes at Old Trafford.

But in their places the selectors have opted for largely tried talent to inject some spirit into the England effort.

Yorkshire opener Martyn Moxon and Eddie Hemmings, the 40-year-old Nottinghamshire off-spinner, are back along with Northamptonshire fast bowler Greg Thomas, who has replaced original selection Gladstone Small, out injured.

But any plans captain David Gower may have to unleash Malcolm and Thomas at the unsuspecting Australian batsmen could be frustrated by the Nottingham pitch which is expected to favour the spinners.

For England, though, it is their batsmen who will determine if they can avoid their fourth defeat of the six-Test series.

Australia, who completed their seventh win from 12 county matches against Leicestershire yesterday, show no signs of letting up.

"The boys are still desperately keen to win the county games," said tour manager Bobby Simpson. "And if they want to win those there will be no problem with motivation for the Tests."

## Standings

Standings (tabulate under games played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points)									
Group A									
Australia	2	2	0	0	11	2	4		
W Germany	1	1	0	0	5	1	2		
Malaysia	1	1	0	0	4	3	2		
Argentina	2	1	0	1	5	6	2		
Egypt	1	0	1	0	7	0	0		
Netherlands	2	0	2	1	7	0	0		
Group B									
South Korea	1	0	0	0	5	1	2		
Pakistan	1	1	0	0	2	0	2		
Soviet Union	1	1	0	0	3	1	2		
US	1	0	1	0	1	3	0		
Spain	1	0	0	1	1	5	0		
England	1	0	0	1	0	2	0		

## Faster Soviets outplay Americans

IPOH, Malaysia, Aug 9, (AP): The Soviet Union defeated the United States 3-1 at the 4th Junior World Cup field hockey tournament in northern Malaysia today.

The faster Soviets kept the Americans mostly on the defence to chalk up a 2-1 lead at half time on the second day of the 12-day meet.

Twelve nations are participating.

After a keenly contested opening the Soviets cracked through the American defence to score in the 16th minute.

Forward Andrei Novojenine collected the ball as it rebounded from the defence after a penalty corner shot and slammed it into the net.

Three minutes later the Americans evened the score with Ben Marquand converting a penalty corner shot.

In the 29th minute the Soviets

regained the lead on a solo effort by half-back Igor Jalalaj who dribbled through US defenders and scored past onrushing goalkeeper Larry Amar.

The Soviets made it 3-1 in the 48th minute when Anatoli Bogdanov collected a pass from Oleg Jimofeev and scored from close range.

The two teams are in Group B together with England, Pakistan, South Korea and Spain. Group A comprises Argentina, Australia, Egypt, the Netherlands, Malaysia and West Germany.

The winners and runners-up from both teams will play in cross-over semifinals on Aug 17, with the winners proceeding to the final Aug 19. The losers will play for third and fourth place Aug 18.

In another Group B match, South Korea defeated Spain 5-1 after a 1-1 halftime tie.

Kim Tae-Hyung moved down the left flank and dribbled

through several defenders to score Korea's first goal in the 26th minute.

Spain equalised five minutes later when Juan Escarre pushed the ball in from 15 yards.

But after that Spain lost steam. Korea went ahead when Han Jung-Hwan netted a goal off a pass from Kim Tae-Hyung in the 38th minute.

Han scored again in the 47th minute, and Choi Jung-Mo scored in the 57th and 61st minutes.

In Group A, Australia outclassed Argentina to remain on top. Australia took the game 4-2 after leading 2-1 at the interval.

Australia were the first to score when Stephen Davies got his first goal in the 5th minute. Ashley Carey made it 2-0 for Australia in the 8th minute but Carlos Retegui reduced the margin for Argentina three minutes later.

Carey scored his second goal

and Australia's third in the 5th minute of the second half and Todd Williams added another five minutes later. Mariano Fernandez got Argentina's second goal in the 70th minute.

Malaysia earned their first points of the tournament with a 2-0 win over Holland. Both the goals came in the second half through Ariffin Abdul Ghani and Nor Azmi Abu Samah.

## Horse plague scare could hit Games

SEVILLE, Spain, Aug 9, (Reuters): A feared resurgence of African horse plague in Spain could jeopardise equestrian events at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch said today.

"I can't be optimistic. We have to confirm it first and see how long it could last. If there is a danger that horse plague exists then no (equestrian events) wouldn't be held," Samaranch said.

Three animals died in southern Spain last week in a suspected fresh outbreak of the highly infectious

disease, although officials say tests to establish whether they definitely had horse plague would take about two weeks.

Samaranch said if the International Equestrian Federation did not allow competitions to take place in Spain, it would not be the first time they had been held outside the country hosting the Games.

"I remember in 1956, because of a quarantine they wanted to impose on the horses, (the event) was held in another country, in fact in Stockholm," he said.

## Iraqi striker moves to Qatari club

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Aug 9, (AP): International striker Hussein Sa'eed, dropped from the Iraqi national squad when it was dissolved earlier this year, is transferring to a club in the Gulf state of Qatar.

The weekly, Alif Ba, quoted Sa'eed, 32, as saying he has signed a one-year contract with Al Sad in Doha.

Al Sad won the 1989 Asian Clubs Championship when it defeated Iraqi champion Al Rashid last month.

Sa'eed did not reveal the transfer fee but said two other Iraqi internationals, Adnan Drijal and Natiq Hashim, also were expected to join Al Sad.

## RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club's game held on Tuesday:

- N/S  
1. F. Farah & Zaninetti  
2. Meouchi & Weinert  
3. Tiab & Sherin  
E/N  
1. Mrs Pereira & D'Souza  
2. RNJ & Menon  
3. Mrs Sapre & D. Pereira

## Rose appeals

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Aug 9, (Reuters): Lawyers for Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose yesterday asked an appeals court to send his suit against the baseball commissioner back to a state court where he won a previous round in his battle against gambling allegations.

A three-judge appeals panel will decide whether Rose can appeal against US district judge John Holchuh's ruling that jurisdiction in the dispute between Rose and Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti belongs in a federal court, a clerk for the appeals court said in Cincinnati.



Reds' Eric Davis

NEW YORK, Aug 9, (AP): With the help of Bob Walk, the Pittsburgh Pirates have finally scored some runs.

Walk doubled in Pittsburgh's first run and also tripled while defeating St Louis for the third time this season as the Pirates broke out of a hitting slump last night with a 7-3 victory over the St Louis Cardinals.

"Any time you can help yourself out offensively it's a big plus," Walk said. "I'm no great hitter. I just go up there hacking and try to put the ball in play and find a hole."

"That's the way we've been all season," said Walk. "When we're scoring a lot of runs, the pitching goes bad. Inconsistent is the only way to describe the way we've played."

Walk, 9-7 overall and 3-0 against the Cardinals this season, allowed seven hits in eight innings. He took a four-hitter into the eighth, but two singles and a three-run homer by Pedro Guerrero spoiled the shutout bid.

Cubs 4, Expos 2  
Mark Grace broke a tie with a seventh-inning homer, the third of the game off Dennis Martinez,

leading Chicago over Montreal, the Expos' sixth straight loss.

The Cubs now lead the National League East by two games over Montreal. The loss also ended Martinez' string of 11 straight victories, the longest in the League since Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets won 14 in a row in 1985.

Mets 9, Phillies 0  
David Cone pitched a six-hitter and Darryl Strawberry capped a six-run seventh inning with a three-run homer, carrying New York past Philadelphia.

Cone, 9-5, who won his sixth straight decision, struck out five and walked one in pitching his fifth complete game. It was his first shutout since Sept 10, 1988 when he blanked Montreal 6-0.

Reds 10, Giants 4

Scottie Madison, Eric Davis, Mariano Duncan and Luis Quintana all homered, powering Cincinnati over San Francisco. Reds starter Tom Browning, 10-10, won his fourth consecutive decision, pitching his fifth complete game of the season. He allowed eight hits, striking out five and walking one.

Astros 12, Padres 3  
Glenn Davis hit two of Hou-

ton's four home runs, driving in five runs as the Astros routed the Padres.

Ken Caminiti hit a three-run blast and Craig Biggio added a two-run shot as the Astros hit four homers in a game for the second time in 10 days.

Dodgers 10, Braves 2

Mike Scioscia hit his second grand slam of the season and Franklin Stubbs added a three-run homer as Los Angeles beat Atlanta behind Orel Hersher's seven-hitter.

Hersher, 14-8, struck out two and walked three as he recorded his seventh complete game to move into a four-way tie with Mike Scott, Bruce Hurst and John Smiley for the National League lead.

Results									
American League									
Cleveland	2	New York	1						
Detroit	6	Milwaukee	3						
Baltimore	6	Minnesota	1						
Toronto	7	Texas	0						
Oakland	3	Chicago	2						
Kansas City	8	Boston	1						
Seattle	6	California	4						
National League									
Chicago	4	Montreal	2						
New York	9	Philadelphia	0						
Pittsburgh	7	St Louis	3						
Houston	12	San Diego	3						
Los Angeles	10	Atlanta	2						
Cincinnati	10	San Francisco	4						



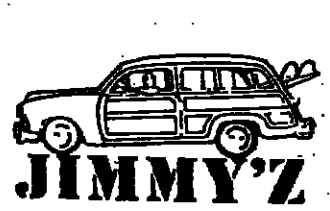
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